

# In Tokyo... World's Largest City

When one speaks of Tokyo, Japan, the list of superlatives is almost inexhaustible, beginning with "the world's largest city" (population 11,700,000), "most congested", "most fascinating", "most sprawling", etc., etc. It all depends of course on who is compiling the list.

Delegates to the Baptist World Congress at Tokyo July 12-18, 1970 are sure to form definite and indelible impressions — most of them favorable.

Having lived in Japan for almost 20 years, twelve of these in Tokyo, I can say that it is a fascinating city, which never ceases to amaze, sometimes frustrate, and always and unendingly interest me.

Where else in the world can you see the modern and ancient contrasted so sharply day in and day out? Women and girls in beautiful kimonos, alongside the latest designs and styles from Paris, alongside girls in jeans and mini-skirts.

A man on the street pushing his two-wheeled cart, peddling hot baked sweet potatoes in an area of gleaming and modern office buildings, where both the ancient abacus and the latest generation of computers are used side by side.

Where else can you find boys on bicycles threading their way through a maze of traffic using only one hand to steer while the other holds aloft dozens of bowls of noodles, delicately

balanced on several trays — alongside the world's most modern transportation system?

The present city, for the most part, has been built since the devastating air raids leveled it during the latter part of World War II, working more havoc and claiming more victims than did the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

(According to official documents 124,711 persons were killed in a single night's air raid on Tokyo March 9-10, 1945.)

Even greater devastation had been wrought upon Tokyo by the Kanto earthquake of 1923, most of them from fires started by the earthquake, which began just as high noon when every home had a fire to cook rice for the noon day meal.

Today one will look in vain to locate even the slightest reminder of the devastation of the past but will find instead modern office buildings, department stores, and at night the most fantastic display of neon art to be found in the world.

Where else but in Tokyo can Baptists of the world, gathering in the name of their Risen Saviour, witness to the reality of his power, to a larger number of those who do not profess the Christian faith?

In all of Japan, with a population of more than 100,000,000, Christians number less than one million, Catholic or Protestant.



Dr. Jack Stanton



Dr. John Bisagno



Dr. Curtis Vaughan

## Evangelistic Conference Set For Meridian Feb. 2-4

The annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church in Meridian Feb. 2-4, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Over one thousand Mississippi Baptist pastors and other local church and associational leaders are expected to attend, Dr. Hudgins added.

led the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms for the years 1966, 1967 and 1968.

Speakers from Mississippi will be Dr. L. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson; Dr. Bob Simmons, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, and Dr. Hudgins.

Conference music will be under direction of Dan C. Hall, director of Church Music Department of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

The conference will open with the Monday evening session and adjourn at the close of the Wednesday morning session.

"Living the Spirit of Christ" will be the conference theme.

Themes by sessions will be as follows: Monday evening, "Living the Gospel of Christ"; Tuesday morning, "Beliefs That Strengthen"; Tuesday afternoon, "The Ministry of Recovery"; Tuesday evening, "A New Decade for Evangelism"; Wednesday morning, "The Spirit of Christ in Personal Evangelism."

Local arrangements for the conference are being cared for by the host church, Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor, and the Lauderdale County Baptist Association.

Dr. V. L. Webb, chairman of the evangelism committee.

Those desiring to stay in a home have been asked to write to the Lauderdale County Baptist Association Office, P. O. Box 244, Meridian.

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## Foundation Supports The Cooperative Program

By Carey E. Cox  
Executive Secretary

**Mississippi Baptist Foundation**  
The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is totally committed to the promotion and support of the Cooperative Program.

Religiously, we are for the Cooperative Program because we believe it to be scriptural; God's way of regularly giving support to all of His work; the only way of enabling every Christian to support the entire operation of Southern Baptist through every offering made; and the best way to challenge Christians to be "world Christians" in obedience to the Great Commission.

We are very happy to say that the operating expense of the Baptist Foundation is paid by an allocation each year from the receipts of the Cooperative Program.

The Foundation is never in competition with the Cooperative Program; but seeks to grow by wills and bequests of the type that would never be given to the Cooperative Program through the local church.

Many wills have been written, and more will be, where the Cooperative Program is the beneficiary.

As of this week several thousand dollars came to the foundation from a will designated for the Cooperative Program.

The Foundation staff and trustees request the pastors and churches to help inform the membership of the ministry of the Foundation.

We request that you recognize the fact that Christian stewardship is threefold: (1) what you give, it should be the tithe and more; (2) what you keep; and (3) what you leave and finally, we leave all.

The only possible way we can be faithful in that which we leave is by a well drawn Christian will.

When this is done literally millions

of dollars will annually be channeled into the Lord's work and not one dollar will be taken from the collection plate of the local church.

The development of this area of stewardship could become, with the assistance of our wonderful pastors and church members, the answer to the financial problem of so many of our agencies and institutions.

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## Mission 70 Sets Swinging Pace In Atlanta Meeting

ATLANTA (BP) — Mission 70 set new precedent for big Baptist meeting when it swung into action with swinging stage production, original musical scores and dialogue sessions that sapped the gap between students and "church workers."

The appeal for commitment to church-related vocations thundered through on a rock beat and flashed out in imaginative dramatics before it was final articulated on closing night by Evangelism Leader Kenneth Chaffin.

nation incident regarding the housing of black students by local churches.

"Because of minorities in the housing for black students at Mission 70, the racism in our churches and in ourselves is brought clearly into focus," the statement read.

"It is ironic that this should occur in preparation for Mission 70, a meeting sponsored by Christian churches whose strict purpose is outreach rather than exclusion."

The statement urged Mission 70 participants to...

Another major statement was labeled "here we stand: Mission 70." It called for commitment to minister to physical as well as spiritual needs, to be involved in the struggle for universal peace, to acknowledge responsibility for dealing with problems of overpopulation and pollution, and "to join us in total dedication to Christ's doctrine of love in action."

Only about 25 responded negatively.

Other statements approved nearly unanimously.

## Church Fires Pastor After Shotgun Blast Rips Home

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — On Saturday night, a shotgun blast sent buckshot ripping through the living room window of the home of Baptist pastor J. Wesley Shipp here, while his daughter was entertaining white and Negro youths at a party.

The next morning, the deacons at Ridgecrest Baptist Church fired Shipp as pastor.

"They told me that I was a disruptive influence in the community, that my views on racial matters would hurt the church," Shipp said.

Shipp's views on racial matters are, he said "simply that black is as good as white. I believe that," he stated. "I've always believed that, and no one's going to change my mind."

Shipp said that the shotgun blast that pelted his living room would have killed someone if it had happened ten seconds earlier. About eight or ten persons, most of them students at Wake Forest High School, were in the den popping popcorn, and several had just left the living room.

The youth, including several Negroes and liberal-minded students who have vocally opposed the Vietnam war, had been invited to the pastor's home by his 16-year-old daughter, Karen.

Shipp has decided to stay in Wake Forest, where he is currently studying at Southeastern Baptist Seminary here.

Through the ordeal, he has received a lot of support from his fellow students and faculty members at the seminary.

The faculty, in meeting just a few days after the shooting, adopted a resolution deploring the "act of cowardly terrorism."

The faculty members urged the people of Wake Forest to "create the kind of community in which freedom of thought and association of persons will be upheld and the sanctity of their homes respected."

Though Shipp has decided to stick

it out in Wake Forest, he has moved from the Ridgecrest church parsonage to a house in the city of Wake Forest.

The church is located in a rural community, described by one news reporter as "a hard-scrabble community of simple brick farmhouses, rundown country stores and rolling red-clay landscape just off Highway 98 northwest of Wake Forest."

Shipp said the deacons gave him an opportunity to resign, but "I refused because I want it on my record that this is the reason I've been asked to leave the church."

"I'm no hero," he continued, "I'm scared and I'd probably be smart to get on out of this area. But I want to expose this attitude of hate and bigotry that these so-called Christian people are filled with."

## Institute Of Pastoral Care Of Ill Ready

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital and Hinds-Madison Baptist Association will hold the tenth annual Institute of Pastoral Care of the Ill on January 12-13.

All meetings will be held at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in the Gilroy Amphitheater, 1180 North State St. The sessions will begin on Monday, January 12 at 1:30 p.m. and close at 11:50 on Tuesday, January 13.

The theme of the Institute will be Ministering To: "The dying patient, the unwed pregnancy, and the extended care patients."

Ministers of all faiths are cordially invited to attend.

Among those on program are Dr. Ben F. Folk, M. D., Rev. Charles D. Phillips, Dr. Blanche Lockard, M. D., Dr. Robert Orelund, M. D., Dr. John L. Taylor, Father Robert O'Leary, Dr. G. D. Purvis, M. D., Dr. Dudley Wilson.

## Heard On Channel 3 At 3:00 p.m. Sunday

The Centurymen, a new men's choir composed of Southern Baptist ministers of music, including four Mississippians, will appear on a half-hour color special on Channel 3 in Jackson Jan. 11 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The Centurymen bowed into network television on Dec. 28 with the program aired nationally by NBC but the local station delayed the program until the date given above.

The program uses both ancient and contemporary music to produce a capsule version of the history of religious choral singing.

Fifty members of the 100 voice group were in New York Dec. 4-7 to videotape the visual portion of the telecast. Some of the music to be used was pre-recorded at the Fort Worth, Texas, studios of the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, which is cooperating with NBC on the TV production.

State ministers of music in the choir are Tanner Riley, First Church, Clinton; Dennis Bucher, Calvary, Jackson; Charles Muller, Woodland Hills, Jackson, and Charles Russell, First, Corinth, but soon to begin a Robinson Street, Jackson.

Through choral numbers and narration, the program attempts to show how "the songs of the people about God became the music of the church for God." It demonstrates the tremendous variety in religious music and offers a glimpse of what it may be like in the future.

For the telecast, The Centurymen will be accompanied by a 21-piece orchestra which, along with the narrator, will be on camera. NBC's Martin Hoadie is producer-director for the production.

The Centurymen are directed by James Woodward, chairman of the department of church music at Oklahoma Baptist University. Arrangements used in the telecast were by Buryl Red, senior music editor of

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dream the impossible dream of the man of La Mancha and still sit down in a committee and fight for what you think is right."

Just before the commitment service began, a bi-facial committee reported four statements, one of which deplored a reported discrimination

and institutions of which they are a part. It passed overwhelmingly.

About 50 students stood to vote against the statement, which had grown out of confused and stormy discussion periods over the facts of the situation.



250-voice choir sings "Tell It Like It Is" at closing session of Twin Conventions with inset showing Rev. Ron Willis, speaker, delivering closing address.

## Twin Conventions Close On High Note

The new Jackson City Auditorium was the setting on Tuesday night, Dec. 30 for the closing highlight session of the Twin Conventions held Dec. 29-30 at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

A message by Rev. Ron Willis, of Bangor, Maine, and the presentation of a music spectacular, "Tell It Like

It Is," were the closing features of the session, attended by over 2000, mostly young people.

Approximately 75 young people responded to the "Opportunity for life commitment" appeal given by Mr. Willis following his address.

Mr. Willis, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Bangor, was former

pastor of Golden Gate Baptist Church, San Francisco, where he worked also in the Haight-Asbury district.

"Tell It Like It Is" was directed by Kurt Kaiser, director of music, Word Incorporated, Waco, Texas.

Mr. Kaiser is a well-known com-

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## Twin Meets Held In Jackson

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poser and director, who, along with Ralph Carmichael, composed the hit musical.

A choir of approximately 250 voices, selected from about 20 churches throughout the state, sang the musical score. Several soloists and instrumentalists were featured.

The conventions were held at the host church, Broadmoor Baptist, but the final session Tuesday night was transferred to the City Auditorium because of the large crowd expected.

Tuesday evening session also included a vocal solo by Mrs. Charles Bonds, of Houston, Texas, a number by the Mississippi youth brass ensemble and a feature, "Youth Prays for Peace," by First Baptist Church, West Point, directed by Jerry Neely.

The twin conventions, sponsored by the Training Union Department, Kermit S. King, director, began Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were attended by Baptist adult leaders and young people from every section of the state.

One of the two simultaneous conventions was a leadership meeting attended by Training Union workers while the other was a youth convention attended by intermediates and young people.

Dr. Philip B. Harris, secretary of the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., was the featured speaker for the Leadership Convention with Mr. Willis the featured speaker for the youth convention.

The program included inspirational addresses, conferences, recreation, fellowship and numerous special features.

Many conference leaders were present from over the Southern Baptist Convention.



## The True Word Of God

Truman Granger, missionary to the French in Lawtell, Louisiana, owns the Bible and has used it for many years that was bought from Sears and Roebuck for a very special reason. Some years ago, his employer (Mrs. Granger's father) began to question Mr. Granger concerning his knowledge of the Scripture. Since Mr. Granger was particularly interested in his employer's daughter, he thought it expedient that he should learn something about the Bible. He was reared in a Catholic household but thought he would not buy a Catholic Bible because the Scriptures therein might be biased. He reasoned that he could not buy a Baptist Bible as the same might be true, so he purchased a "Sears and Roebuck Bible," feeling that it would not be biased. His mother was not at all happy about this but Mr. Granger continued to read his "Sears and Roebuck Bible." He was converted. His mother, in the meantime, had been reading the Bible during the day when Truman was not at home. Both he and his mother made professions of faith and were baptized at the same time. The Bible has been used many years by missionary Granger to win many of his own people, and others, to the Lord. — (Home Board Photo)

"Yes, Sir, You, Sir!"

## Resolution Pays Tribute To Dr. Cleveland

The following resolution was adopted by Sproules Bible Class of First Church, Jackson, in tribute to the life of Dr. Clark Cleveland.

"On November 1, 1969, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution which honored and praised the distinguished brother in Christ, Dr. Clark M. Cleveland, came to its close.

"Dr. Cleveland was born December 4, 1892, in Newton County near Union. In his sixteenth year he accepted Christ and joined the Rock Branch Baptist Church. Thus began, sixty years of faithful service to God marked by a personal and professional life which set him apart and identified him at once as a true follower of Christ.

"As a civil engineer and professor of mathematics in a great university, Dr. Cleveland was a scientist who and add understanding to the truths of Christ's teaching.

"As a faithful and true member of his church, as deacon, Sunday School teacher, and officer, he used his talents to promote the effectiveness of the congregation in the on-going work of Christ's Kingdom. During 46 years at First Church, Austin, Texas, he made a place in the hearts and memories of the membership.

"On the occasion of his passing the campus flag of the University of Texas was flown at half mast and his former pastor in Austin came to speak, as he said, at Dr. Cleveland's celebration of victory.

"In recognition of the cherished association of the past few years in the First Baptist Church of Jackson, the Sproules Bible Class hereby resolves that:

First: Thanks be given to Almighty God for the life which was lived among us and among all his associates by Dr. Cleveland and for the inspiration and help that has come to many through his life."



## Pioneer Missions Committee Meets

The Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee held a meeting recently at the Baptist Building in Jackson, presided over by T. Cooper Watson, Jackson, chairman. From left: Ralph Hester, Jackson; Dr. Charles Ray, Greenwood; Joe Piggott, McComb; Clint Sims, Tupelo; Mr. Walton; Owen Cooper, Yesso City; J. D. Thomas, Hattiesburg; Dr. Allen Webb, Jackson; and Alexander, Greenville.

## Computers Record State Of Church

By James Evans McReynolds

NASHVILLE — "Let us do the church work while you do the work of the church." Upon this basic philosophy rests the ideas of using the electronic computers to lighten the load of record-keeping which faces every church, both large and small, and to open up new opportunities for increased service.

Ransom Gladwin and Tom Tyree of Church Data Systems have developed a computer service for Southern Baptists. Working through contract with the Baptist Book Store Envelope Service, Chester, Virginia, the computer service offers churches an updated method of keeping track of finances and membership records.

Thanks to the service, a Southern Baptist minister can hold all the members of his church in the palm of his hand.

While he may not actually hold the people, he can hold a reel of computer tape with up to 70,000 names and 22 categories of church activities recorded on it.

"While I was studying computer programming at the University of Florida," Tyree says, "my wife was minister of education in a Gainesville church. We talked over the problems churches have in keeping records, and decided to do something to make it easier and more accurate."

So Tyree developed a five-part system for church records and now serves more than 50 Southern Baptist churches.

"We don't have our own computer," Tyree said, "so we rent the use of one."

"Most churches don't analyze their budgets until the end of the year, but with our system it is done every month. A small church may not need a full-time secretary or treasurer any longer. Rather, someone who can write checks is enough. The computer

does all the work and reports the state of the church budget."

The envelope service offered to Southern Baptists ties in closely with the computer system. The church only needs to take the money from the envelopes and send the envelopes to Church Data Systems.

All records are prepared quickly accurately and confidentially. The list and names of donors is sent only to the church secretary.

"We also send a record of giving to each church member," Tyree said. "We do not make a bill of it, but note the giver's annual intention and his gifts to date. There are no negative items or terminology, only positive motivation factors to encourage stewardship."

The membership file system is a massive cross-reference to the activities of all church members. Each family and its members are listed on a card. These cards note church activities of each member, such as Woman's Missionary Society, Baptist Men, Sunday School, Training Union, choir and any of 22 categories that the church desires to be made known by the computer.

"This gives the church a fast and accurate method of finding out on which committee someone is, and where he can be contacted. To keep up with changes, all cards are reviewed and revised every other month," Tyree pointed out.

"I'm trying to make available to churches something they have never had: a fast, constantly accurate record of the state of the church."

In Tampa, Florida, the First Baptist Church uses the Church Data System service. "I am impressed with its possibilities," Lindsey Boyd, the church's minister of education, said.

"The Baptist Book Store Envelope Service helped get us in contact with the service. They adapted their terminology to our needs. This is the right approach," Boyd said.

Tyree said the envelope accounting system costs a church 12 cents per member unit, which could be a family or one individual. The bookkeeping system costs a church of less than 3,000 members about \$20 per month. Membership record costs are tallied on still another basis, charging five cents per constituent in the listings.

"Our goal is to make the pastor more effective. We want to get him out of his study, away from his administrative duties and closer to his people. We offer new opportunities to pastor and people for involvement in the true mission of the church — while the computer does the clerical chores," Tyree concluded.

## Tokyo Reservations To Be Made Through Congress Committee

Regarding the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo next year, L. Galen Bradford, Southern Baptist missionary associate who is hospitality coordinator for the preparation committee, has made the following announcement:

"Since 6,000 rooms at all major hotels in Tokyo are controlled by the Baptist World Alliance preparation committee, in contract with the Hankyu Express International Co., Ltd., reservations for these rooms cannot be made contacting the hotels directly. Requests for reservations should be directed to the Baptist World Congress preparation committee, Shibuya Baptist Building, 33 Hachiyama-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan 151 or Baptist World Congress, 1628 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, and accompanied by registration fee or a certificate that this has been made already. Note: The Japan Baptist Mission office cannot make reservations for you. Further inquiries may be made to L. Galen Bradford, 19-18, 2-chome, Uehara, Uehara Plaza, Apt. 3A, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan 151, phone 460-8954. We will assist our missionaries any way possible."

## Recreation Week At Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE — The church recreation conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly, June 11-17, features many "firsts."

The conference marks the first time a full week has been given exclusively for church recreation at the assembly; the first program designed specifically for senior adults; the first special day camp program for children, 6-11; the first program of training church recreation workers who minister to the retarded.

And for the first time, activities are scheduled for preschool children who come with their parents to the conference.

Churches bringing groups must have one adult for every five boys and one adult for every five girls who attend the conference.

## Evangelistic Conference

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36301 and home accommodation will be provided.

Rev. Leon Young is superintendent of missions for the association.

Those desiring to stay in a hotel or motel will find a display listing elsewhere in this issue, and they are asked to contact the motel of their choice.

## Be Missionary -- Now, To New York City

By Cal Guy

(Professor of missions at Southwestern, Dr. Guy is on sabbatic leave in NYC.)

Mr. and Mrs. Baptist Church Member find it difficult to understand how effective they can be and ought to be in "Be a Missionary Now." "I am me?" Is the usual response, growing out of timidity, not out of rebellion or indifference.

The answer is: "Yes, sir, you sir!" The history of effective mission work in most places in this earth proves that people responded to the witness of their relatives and their friends more readily than they did to the missionaries and preachers. They responded to some degree to the "paid professionals" but the general attitude is described in Templeton's book, *Evangelism Tomorrow*. He said that the preacher was the layman's satisfied customer.

Perhaps that's the first question: Are you a truly satisfied customer? Do you really believe that Christ is absolutely necessary for the peace, the joy, and the well being of your present life as well as hope for the hereafter? If you do are you prepared to express this in a strong conviction?

That brings the next step: Many faithful members of churches in traditional Southern Baptist territory have friends and relatives who are living in the places where Southern Baptist and other warm evangelical witness are scant and scattered. Many of those people left spiritual growth and all Christian responsibility at home when they moved out of the old Mason Dixon half circle. But they did not leave behind their need for a growing Christian life and they certainly did not leave behind the need to be useful in bearing witness in their new territory.

But the preachers and missionaries in these new places often do not know

who these people are and, surprisingly often, are met with quite cold indifference as they suggest some burden bearing for Christ and church expansion up here. The churches are often small and struggling and too many ex-patriots from the south are unwilling to serve under conditions around them. But they still need to be useful and they do need the fellowship.

How can they be encouraged toward these things? One of the best ways would be for YOU back home to write a warm, concerned letter to them to express your hope that the experience that they called Christian in earlier life was honestly Christian. Ask if it is now so dormant that they are not having any real fellowship with Christ or any real fruit as a Christian. If they do not respond to this your commitment to be deepened because you may be the one to help them face the facts. If they are truly saved then you might be the best equipped of all people to urge them to "fulfill" the Christian life.

Let me make specific suggestions involving the area in which I am serving briefly as interim director of missions. Metropolitan New York finds 7,000 members related to South-

ern Baptist churches and chapels among 8 million people. What a small drop and what a large bucket! But there are more. Most of them are lost to Christian fellowship and Christian service. Those of us up here don't know where they are but you do. The pastors might not receive a hearing from them but they will read a letter from back home. Would you write that letter and would you tell them that the Lord has laid this burden on your heart? You might want to clip this article and send it along if you think it wise. (It might be best just to let it come from you without reference to the article.) If these people live in metropolitan New York which includes Manhattan Island, Long Island, and much of eastern New Jersey tell them to call during business hours at either one of these numbers: 212-586-6368 or 212-586-605. This is the Associational office and we could direct them to the nearest church.

If you pray while you write and pray after you write you might help to call out the people who belong to God but have ceased to give him praise in their lives. You might be God's missionary to New York City. If great spiritual life should ever arise in significant scope here it surely

could go from here quickly to the ends of the earth.

Will you help? This is one thing you can do with your relatives and friends up here that no one else can do. Sit down and write now, please for Christ's sake and for their sake, and urge these friends to do that which is truly Christian.

## BBI To Build President's Home

GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA — Baptist Bible Institute will begin construction of a new president's home by December 15, according to President James E. Southerland, former Mississippi.

It will have five bedrooms included in a 1,100 square foot of living space, not counting the carport, he said.

The new home will face toward the main campus, across Lake Albert. Money for the new home will come from sale of the two-story home where the Southerlands live now, at 608 8th Avenue East, from a \$25,000 five-year loan, and from a small fund for this purpose already in hand.

## RADIO-TV COMMISSION Program Guide

Please clip and save this convenient guide to programs produced by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission. Station listings and times of broadcasts are the latest and most accurate at publication time.

### RADIO

THE BAPTIST HOUR — A 30-minute modified worship service featuring Dr. Herschel Hobbs. "MASTERCONTROL" — A 30-minute variety program of time-tested religious music. MUSIC TO REMEMBER — A 15-minute program of time-tested religious music. OMNISCOPE — A 30-minute variety program designed exclusively for college campus radio stations. MANNA IN THE MORNING — A 4 1/2-minute devotional designed as a station "sign-on." RELIGIOUS NEWS PROGRAMS — A 5-minute program provided for the individual states upon request. POWERLINE — A 30-minute popular music program with tips on contemporary life for teenagers.

### TELEVISION

THE ANSWER — A 30-minute color television series featuring both dramatic and documentary films. JOY — A 4 1/2-minute animated cartoon series for children five to ten years of age. 40 stations. DR. THEODORE ADAMS' "SPOTS" — Sixty inspirational spots, 60-seconds and 20-seconds in length.

### MASTERCONTROL

WHPA ABERDEEN	SA	530P
WJMB BROOKHAVEN	SA	530P
WJMB CANTON	SU	900A
WJFF COLUMBIA	SU	1030A
WJBC COLUMBUS	SU	1000A
WJNC COLUMBUS	SU	1000A
WJQA GULFPORT	SU	1230P
WFOR HATTIESBURG	SA	830A
WJLI JACKSON	SU	830A
WJPP JACKSON	SA	830A
WJAT NATCHEZ	SA	915A
WJOC PHILADELPHIA	SU	530P
WJSA RIPLEY	SU	1000A
WJVV VICKSBURG	SU	400P
WJWB WEST POINT	SU	900A
WJCC WIGGINS	SU	900A
WJNA WINONA	SU	1200P

### MANNA IN THE MORNING

WJHO JACKSON	SA	725A
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### MISS BAPT NEWS SCOPE

WHPA ABERDEEN	SA	1030A
WJMB BROOKHAVEN	SA	1230P
WJMB CANTON	SU	840P
WJBC COLUMBUS	SU	830A
WJNC COLUMBUS	SU	830P
WJQA GULFPORT	SU	645A
WJLI JACKSON	SU	1150A
WJPP JACKSON	SU	1230P
WJAT NATCHEZ	SU	730A
WJOC PHILADELPHIA	SU	915A
WJSA RIPLEY	SA	1000A
WJVV VICKSBURG	SA	1155A
WJWB WEST POINT	SU	730A
WJCC WIGGINS	SU	1045A
WJNA WINONA	SU	1045A

### MUSIC TO REMEMBER

WJLI JACKSON	SU	1030A
WJBC COLUMBUS	NO	1005P
WJNC COLUMBUS	SU	830A
WJQA GULFPORT	SU	830A
WJLI JACKSON	SU	900P
WJBC COLUMBUS	SU	900P
WJQA GULFPORT	SU	900A
WJLI JACKSON	SU	900A

### Network Television Specials

#### ABC Television

October 5, 1969-1:00 p.m. EST  
"The Game And How It Was Played Today"

October 12, 1969-1:00 p.m. EST  
"People Who Live in Glass"

October 21, 1969-1:00 p.m. EST  
Texas Boys Choir in concert

#### NBC Television

December 28, 1969-1:30 p.m. EST  
The Centurymen in Concert

#### THE BAPTIST HOUR

WHPA ABERDEEN	SU	130P
WJMB BROOKHAVEN	SU	700A
WJMB CANTON	SU	700A
WJBC COLUMBIA	SU	900A
WJNC COLUMBUS	SU	1030A
WJQA GULFPORT	SU	800P
WJLI JACKSON	TH	730P
WJPP JACKSON	SU	500P
WJAT NATCHEZ	SU	930P
WJOC PHILADELPHIA	SU	1000A
WJSA RIPLEY	SU	1000A
WJVV VICKSBURG	SU	1000A
WJWB WEST POINT	SU	1000P
WJCC WIGGINS	SU	1230P
WJNA WINONA	SU	1000P
WJVV VICKSBURG	SU	200P

#### THE ANSWER TV

WJLI JACKSON	SA	630A
WJBC COLUMBUS	SU	630A
WJNC COLUMBUS	SU	630A
WJQA GULFPORT	SU	1030A

#### JOY T V

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## Missions Conference Set For Feb. 27-March 1

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A number of interesting innovations are promised for the 1970 Student Missions Conference when it is held on the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus Feb. 27-March 1.

Under the general theme, "My Brother — or My Sister?", the college-student weekend will feature major addresses by four members of the seminary faculty, a film dialogue set in a coffee-house atmosphere in various locations on the campus, and a set of "hot-topic" discussions led by professors and students of the seminary.

The opening address on Feb. 27 will be presented by Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion. Others speaking to the expected 1,000 students will be Walter Delamarter, the seminary's director of social work education; Harold S. Songer, associate professor of New Testament interpretation; and President Duke K. McCall, who will bring the closing message Sunday morning.

Saturday morning conferences will be led by faculty members and students on such topics as Extremism, War and Peace, Sex Revolution, Ecumenism, the Church and the Arts, Christianity and the World Religions, Population Explosion, Race, Leisure, Big Government, and others.

On Saturday afternoon, discussion of the diverse vocational opportunities within the scope of "missions" will be offered to the students, who are expected to come from as many as 80 different universities, if previous conferences are indicative.

Saturday evening, the film "Syzygy" will be shown. It is an open-ended discussion starter designed to stimulate small-group dialogue in various "coffee houses" set up on the campus.

Those interested in reservation materials should write the 1970 Student Missions Conference, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. 40206. Housing will be provided at no charge on campus as long as available. The registration fee remains \$3.00.

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## Mississippians Graduate From New Orleans Seminary in December Commencement Exercises

Eleven Mississippians received degrees in commencement exercises Saturday, December 20, at New Orleans Seminary. Left to right, above, they were: David C. Priddy, Rolling Fork, minister of education at First Church, Moss Point, MRE; Delma F. Harkins, Kosciusko, Master of Theology, Honors Program; Sandra Loy Brown, Bogalusa, youth director at Carrollton Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, MRE; W. Franklin Lay, Bogalusa, has served as pastor of Oak Grove Church, Prentiss, Master of Theology; Paul Montgomery, Natchez, has served as minister of music and education at Village DeLest Church, New Orleans, MRE; Albert Carol Jones, graduate of Mississippi State and married to Peggy Crick of Indianapolis, MRE; Mack P. Jones, Waynesboro, missionary to Paraguay since 1963, Th.M., Honors Program; David J. Perry, Roxie, pastor of Big Level Church while in seminary, Th.M.; Mary Kathryn Black, Jackson, Master of Theology, Honors Program; Charles Joseph Davis, Meridian, pastor in Mississippi before going to seminary, married to Nancy Ellen Brown of Meridian, Th.M.; and John E. Russell (not pictured), Wesson, minister of music at Monticello Church, Master of Church Music.

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## More Comment On Eastern Europe Sought

Western daily newspapers should comment more frequently and broadly on religious restrictions in the Communist countries of eastern Europe, writes Erik Ruden, Swedish Baptist leader.

Such attention to religious persecution might lead to a slight relaxation

of pressures felt by church bodies in eastern Europe, he believes. The opinion is expressed in Ruden's weekly column in Veckoposten, newspaper of the Baptist Union of Sweden.

Ruden, former secretary of the European Baptist Federation, is now general secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden. He still travels from time to time in eastern Europe and maintains contact with Baptist officials there.

Unfavorable newspaper comment, such as that regarding religious pressures, could cause a reduction in the number of Western tourists going to eastern lands, says Ruden. The dollar-hungry countries of eastern Europe do not want to lose this valuable source of Western currency.

Large daily newspapers should even send in reporters to write investigative articles on the religious life in eastern Europe, and government policies toward churches there, he continues.

He points out that a statement at an interdenominational meeting about Baptist restrictions in Romania "caused considerable irritation for the Romanian government."

Russian authorities are wincing under Western publicity given to letters from imprisoned Baptist dissidents and their relatives in the Soviet Union. The Russian state, he notes, hurried to give some greater freedom, even though very modest, to authorized church groups as a result.

Eastern European Christians "crave our understanding, our confidence, and our prayers," Ruden tells the 27,000 people of the Baptist Union.

they are in eastern Europe, Western tourists are doing a little to ease government pressure on church groups, he says. The eastern governments cannot keep tourists from going to church and observing church conditions. Therefore, the governments are concerned about the impressions of church life the tourists gain, since tourists represent an important economic asset to these countries. — (EBPS)

## Controversy Is Topic For Special Study Unit

NASHVILLE — "Southern Baptists and Controversy," a two-piece curriculum supplement, is now available for study by adults and young people.

Prepared by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the case study booklet and flip chart deal with timely issues. The flip chart is fully illustrated with black-and-white photographs.

For individual or group study, these items also supplement units in "Baptist Adults" and "Baptist Young People" for Jan.-Mar. 1970. The adult unit is titled "Southern Baptists and Controversy"; the young people's unit is "Forces That Shape Southern Baptists."

"Southern Baptists and Controversy" is available from the Church Literature Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.



Rev. Lucius B. Marion, at right, received a plaque of appreciation from Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, at a recent meeting of its Board of Trustees. The occasion recognized his completion of six years as a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees and for the services and support that he has rendered in behalf of the hospital's program during this time. During Marion's tenure he has served as a member of the Bylaws Committee and the Denominational Relations Committee. Mr. Marion serves as pastor of the Clarkdale Church of Clarkdale, Miss. Owen, chairman of the Hospital's Board of Trustees, is shown making the presentation.

## "Don't Whittle On The Lifeline"

"We've got to cut down somewhere," said the worried father of a large family.

Living expenses had skyrocketed. As the children grew older, their demands increased — "a room to call my own," "as good of clothes as the other kids in the neighborhood," etc. The list grew and grew.

Finally the bewildered parents made a terrible decision. They would rearrange the family budget so that the older children would share a considerable increase in benefits. The younger children? Well, they would just have to do with less or do without.

As a certain church grew older, its needs increased. Some of the buildings needed upgrading. Others needed replacing. Other churches in town had more modern facilities. In fact, there was another Baptist church in the city that had built an entirely

new plant just last year. "We've got to cut down somewhere," cried the chairman of the church's budget planning committee. All agreed that an inviting source of extra money for some of the fixed items in the budget was the church's Cooperative Program allocation.

"But what about world missions?" asked a concerned member of the committee.

After some time, the committee chairman stated the sentiment of the committee when he said, "Well, world missions will just have to do with less or do without."

World missions is the life of a New Testament church. The Cooperative Program is our lifeline to world missions. To whittle away at that lifeline in order to bail a church out of financial difficulties is as destructive as it is to a lost world waiting to hear of Christ.

## At Southwestern

## "Mission Possible" — Conference Theme

FORT WORTH, Texas — "Mission Possible," is the theme for the Twenty-First Annual College Student Missions Conference scheduled at Southwestern Seminary, March 6-8.

Approximately 1800 college students from 125 campuses throughout the United States are expected to attend the three day seminar. The seminar will include four general conferences featuring major speakers and three missionary led conferences which will allow students to converse on a personal level with missionaries from the field.

Theme interpretation for the conference will be expressed by Marshall Walker, director of religious activities, Hardin-Simmons University. Music will be directed by Joe King, music director of University Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

Jack Gray, faculty co-chairman for the conference, said, "the purpose of our theme is to inform students of the biblical basis for having missions, and to show that God is accomplishing his purpose in home and foreign missions." He added, "students will be encouraged to question missionary activities and to inquire about possible mission responsibilities."

Speakers for the conference will include Ed Seabough and Emmanuel

McCall from the Home Mission Board, Baker James Cauthen from the Foreign Mission Board, and George Mosler, pastor, University Heights Baptist Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Testimonies will be given by Beverly Hammack and James Nelson of HMB and by James Gayle and Richard Greenwood of FMB.

Co-chairmen for the conference are faculty member Jack Gray and seminary student Dale Shock.

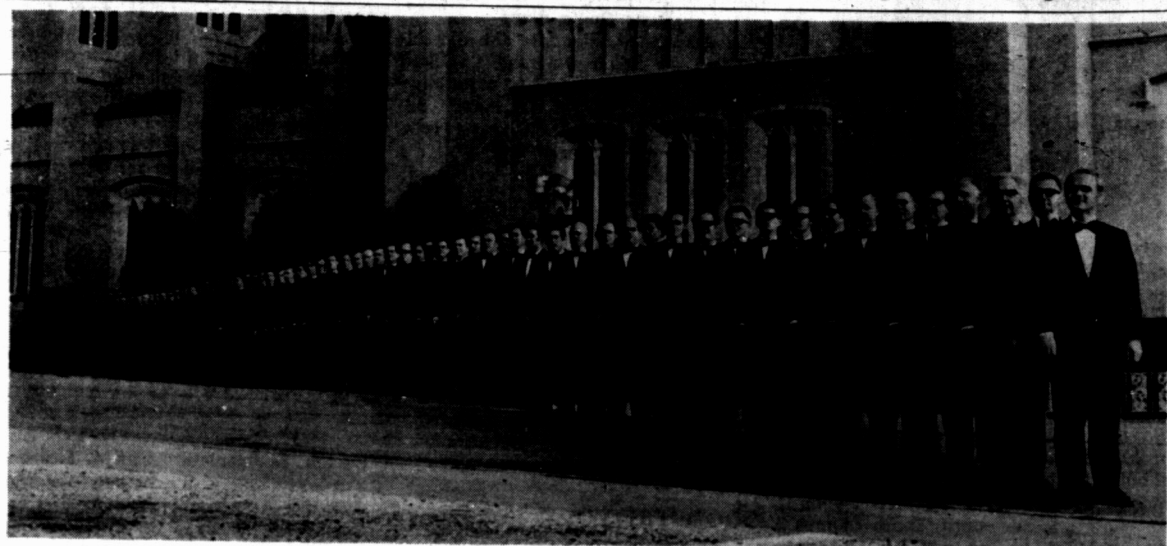
Further information may be acquired from Jack Gray, College Student Missions Conference, Southwestern Seminary, Box 22097, Fort Worth, Texas, 76122.

## Two-Week Courses Offered

Two special two-week courses will be offered by the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during the summer of 1970.

A. Donald Bell, professor of psychology and human relations, will teach the "Psychology of Human Relations" May 23 to June 5. Charles A. Tidwell, associate professor of church administration, will teach "Church Business Administration" June 8 to June 19.

Two hours credit will be given for the completion of either course.



The Centurymen, 100-voice men's choir composed of Southern Baptist ministers of music, pose between rehearsal and recording sessions at the Radio and TV Commission studios in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Centurymen To Be Heard On WLBT-TV

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Holt-Rinehart and Winston Publishing Co., New York, who serves as musical director for the singers. Max Lyall of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., is the recording studio accompanist. The group was formed last August under auspices of the Radio-TV Commission. Members were chosen from

21 states through extensive auditioning and testing directed by Miss Joe Ann Shelton, head of the Commission's program music department.

All members of The Centurymen are qualified conductors in their own right, Miss Shelton said, and most have had impressive careers as vocalists. Many also have at least the mas-

ter's degree in music, she said.

The men will record music for Commission programs and perform TV, radio and stage concerts from time to time, Miss Shelton said. She indicated that the group's repertoire was particularly in the various mission fields.

## Mission 70 Sets Swinging Pace

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nominal leaders; the encouraging of local churches to send youth messengers to the SBC; and the request that Mission 70 participants seek opportunities to address local churches about the conference.

A multi-media exhibit area communicated the various needs and opportunities of church vocations. A "marketplace" dialogue with denominational people and evening "think tank" sessions provided the arenas for student-missionary encounters.

A ghetto work project gave some 900 of the conferees firsthand contact with inner-city life and became the primary news peg for secular media.

The Mission 70 format, which seemed to be accepted so enthusiastically, involved morning sessions broken down into seven downtown or near-downtown churches; the afternoon exhibit, dialogue and work project time; and then elaborate evening sessions with all conferees at the Atlanta Civic Center.

The lively crowd of students and young adults roared approval time and again of the professional stage productions that included original music scores and interpretive choreography performed by college groups.

Outbursts of laughter and applause when the dramatics took digs at the church indicated some frustrations about "church work."

Black Pastor Bill Lawson of Houston cautioned the audience:

"The church is in the hands of something bigger than itself. I don't believe that God is just a bunch of people together. I believe God is holding the church like a chicken by the neck, and he's shaking the dickens out of it."

"I think he'll shake off some of our material possession, I think he'll shake off some of our doctrines. But there will still be the church."

Affirming that churches often have enclaves turned in on themselves, Lawson said: "Rummaging through the trash of the sixties is okay, provided you are looking for something usable for the seventies. I never saw anyone rummaging through trash who wasn't looking for something useful."

Students Reflect Confidence, Hope ATLANTA (BP) — There is confidence and hope on the other side of the generation gap.

More than 4,200 students and other young adults verbalized how it is with them during dialogues, discussions, and cluster groups during the Mission 70 CLN Conference, Dec.

"I consider Mission 70 to be a source of many solutions to the problems and needs of Missions in the 70's. All these ideas put together are bound to produce some great new ideas," David Bump, student at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., said.

"The real test of Mission 70's success will be determined by what happens and by what action is taken when it is over. I consider Mission 70 a great challenge, opportunity, and responsibility," Bump added.

"I was encouraged by the conference," Gary Morgan, student, Berea College, Berea, Ky., stated.

"I like the atmosphere of denominational leaders who are servants of Christ and not a group trying to use the church for their own popularity or success," he added.

"I like the 'new approach' that Mission 70 has presented toward a better witness for the new generation," Kay Hicks, student, North Texas State University, related.

"The only thing I disapprove of is the 'too much dancing' in Monday night's program. It is fine to feel the music and the beat, but a few persons seemed to put too much emphasis on the dancing and not the meaning that the group as a whole was trying to present," Miss Hicks added.

Richard Davenport, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., said he felt that the group discussions afforded him an opportunity to be better informed about college life for Baptist students.

"The things I gain here I hope to tell people at home to encourage them to be better witnesses for Christ," Davenport said.

"I am confident that I can be used in the church," said Carl Whitmore, student, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.

"I have learned that one does not have to be an image or play a role to fit into the ministry. Southern Baptists are not trying to find people that fit a preconceived idea of what a religious leader should be. Some are opening their eyes to reality," he added.

Mission 70 defied definition in the thoughts of most conferees.

"The fantastic thing about Mission 70 is the fact that no one really knows what it is suppose to be," Miss Rae Jean Livingston, Wilmington, Del., said.

"It will only be defined when the people who came here develop their own ministries in the next decade."

The dominant attitude of the conference was that this is the beginning of something big, something real.

"Not nearly everything was done here—but a lot was. At least when you actually go into a ghetto, when you talk to people who can make things happen—and they listen to you—how could there be less than the beginning of something big," Vicki Strickfellow, a freshman from Florida, related.

The Mission 70 conference has been completed, but for Southern Baptist young people who were there, their Mission in the 70's has only begun.

## Shaping The 70's Church Music Conference Set

On January 22-23 a "Shaping the 70's Church Music Conference" will be held at New Orleans Seminary for faculty, students, alumni and other interested church musicians.

Conducting this conference will be Baptist Sunday School Board personnel, including Dr. Hines Sims, secretary of the Church Music Department, and Dr. William Thompson, supervisor of literary materials for the Church Music Department.

The conference will begin at 8:00 Thursday morning and will conclude on Friday afternoon. The conference, which will be both informative and inspirational, will focus on numerous changes in the church music program of the local church for the 70's.

There will be no fee for attending the conference. Church Musicians and other interested persons are invited. Full information is available from the Seminary School of Church Music, 3030 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana.

## Louin Goes Over Goal

The WMU of Louin Church set a goal of \$325 for Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering, and received \$800.45 states Mrs. R. E. Gardner, secretary and treasurer for the WMU.

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### If You Died Tonight

What would happen to your possessions if you died tonight? And you might die tonight, or tomorrow, or even before this day is over. None of us knows what any day will bring. This has been brought home to some of us very sharply in recent days as we have seen friend after friend, suddenly taken. Read any daily newspaper and see how common this experience is.

Most of us have accumulated at least a little bit of property, maybe not much for some, but for others the amount may be sizeable. Little or much, we shall leave it all, when we step through the door called death.

What will happen to our property then? Most of us have loved ones to whom we desire to leave our property, and in most cases we have specific desires on how it is to be divided. Many persons also desire that a certain amount of their property go to the Lord's work, either through their church, or in some other manner. Still others may desire that certain charities or institutions receive bequests.

Yet, there is only one way to be sure that your possessions will be distributed as you desire, and that is to make a will. If you fail to make a will others, working under the laws of the state, will divide your property, and it may not at all be as you planned. Indeed, in many cases where men neglected to make wills, their families actually suffered, or finally got what was rightfully theirs only after long delays, and, sometimes, at unreasonable and unnecessary cost.

We recently read about a man who died without a will. He made a good salary and provided well for his wife and three children. Mortgage payments were ahead of schedule. The family car had been bought with cash. He would have been called a successful middle-class American. Then suddenly, when he was just 38 years of age, he dropped dead. Six months later his wife had to borrow money for mortgage payments and grocery bills because the estate was tied up in the local court. By the laws of the state where she lived this widow could be appointed guardian of her own children only by paying the state \$300 per year for each of them. Why all of this? It was for just one simple reason — this man had failed to make a will.

This is a true story, but it is not an isolated one, since it happens every day. People die suddenly, at a time when they had not expected to die, and often they have neglected to make a will. As a result, the family may suffer, or undergo great expense, and the estate will be distributed according to law, and not necessarily according to the desire of the individual.

How about you? If you died tonight, would your family face serious problems or even suffer

simply because you failed to make a will? Would your possessions be distributed as you desired, or would others decide for you?

You can solve this problem by making a will now! Southern Baptist foundations and other groups, promote January as "Make Your Will Month," simply to remind people that they should make wills, and to encourage them to do it.

In a Baptist state paper in another state (The Illinois Baptist) we ran across some suggestions concerning will making. We have adapted them as suggestions for people in our own state.

1. Don't try to write a will yourself. Get a lawyer. Moreover, as a Baptist, and especially if you desire to leave some of your property to your church or denomination, get a Baptist lawyer, or at least one who is sympathetic with Christian work. For those who desire to place bequests in their wills for the Lord's work, the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, (Box 530, Jackson,) offers free advice and assistance, and even retains legal counsel for assisting people with such matters. The Foundation is an official agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and is directed in its work by some of the finest Baptist laymen and pastors in the state. Rev. Carey E. Cox is the Executive Secretary.

2. Don't change a will by scratching out, writing over or adding to it in any way unless you do it under legal supervision.

3. Don't sign more than one copy of a will. This copy should be deposited somewhere for safe-keeping, such as a safety-deposit box at a bank, but unsigned copies can be kept at home, or given to others involved if desired. These should have written on them the location of the original, signed will.

4. Don't mention specific sums. Use percentages.

5. Don't pick an executor for sentimental reasons. Choose someone with business sense, or choose a trust company.

6. Review your will from time to time, so that it will not get out of date. If changes need to be made, secure legal assistance in doing it. Out of date wills could be ruled invalid.

7. Don't fail to re-examine your will when you move to another part of the country. Laws vary from state to state.

8. Don't hesitate to ask your lawyer the price for making a will, just as you would not hesitate to talk to your doctor about the costs of treatment.

9. Don't forget to include the Lord's work in your will. You are a steward of your property as well as of your income. By proper planning you can leave some of your possessions to serve the Lord. Through the Baptist Foundation you can leave trusts, funds or scholarships, that will go on serving the Lord for all the years after you are gone, until Christ comes again.

### "No, Thank You," Dr. Espy

Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, at the Detroit meeting of that organization in December, presented what was called "a major new plan to bring American Christians together." According to the news report in the magazine *Christianity Today*, "The proposal would replace The National Council of Churches with a 'General Ecumenical Council' embracing Roman Catholics and other Christians currently outside the conciliar orbit."

This is a high sounding program proposed at a time when the National Council is showing signs of disintegration, or of being torn apart by Blacks and other dissident groups within its membership.

Actually, this is the same old ecumenical program with a new high-sounding name, and few will be deceived concerning its underlying purpose. The Federal Council of Churches, which preceded the National Council, ran into problems, and was not growing as fast as its exponents desired, so the latter was formed. Now the National Council is having both organizational and financial problems, so this new desperate effort is being made to enlist outside groups in order to bolster its program.

We predict that Southern Baptists, who have been specifically named as one of the groups

whose cooperation is sought, will once more give a resounding "No!" to the invitation, making it very clear that they do not care to have any part in such a conglomeration.

Of course, there are a few Southern Baptists who have favor closer relationships with the council, and more ecumenical action. However, the vast majority of our pastors and people, feel that we have very little in common with the objectives and programs of the National Council of Churches. Furthermore, Southern Baptists already are involved in numerous ecumenical actions through their cooperation and fellowship with other Christians in many areas of Christian work. However, this is without involvement of the churches or the denomination in any organized relationship. Each Baptist and each church has the freedom to cooperate or not to cooperate, without involvement of others. This is as it should be, and as the majority of Southern Baptists desire it to be.

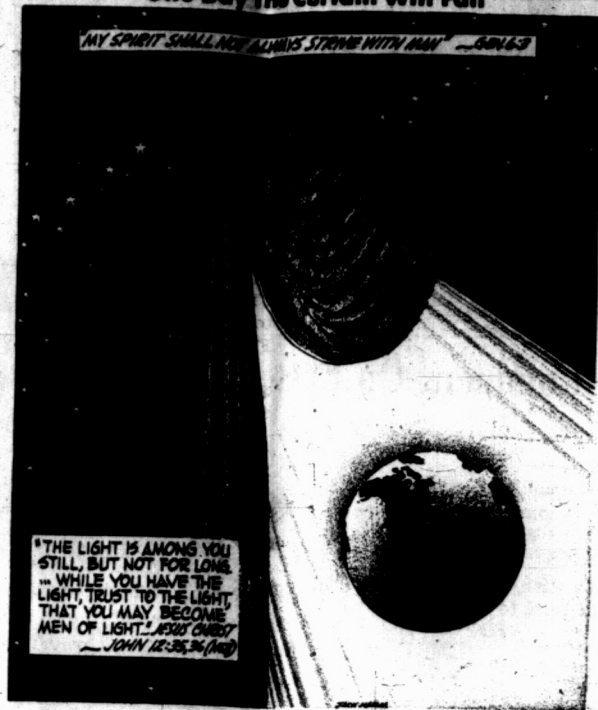
So, "No, thank you, Dr. Espy. We are not interested in any ecumenical relationships with the National Council or any of its successors!" Most Southern Baptists probably would ask in the words of the Scriptures, "How can two walk together, if they be not agreed?" They also would say "Amen!" to the words of Dr. J. B. Gambrell, former Missis-

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One Day The Curtain Will Fall



## NEWEST BOOKS

**MINISTER'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX GUIDE, 1970 Edition** — for Returns on 1969 Income, by Conrad Teitell (Meredith Press, New York, paperback, \$2.95).

The annual edition of this guide is said to be used by one of every three ministers in the United States. This completely revised and expanded edition features new procedures to obtain quick refunds; new Social Security and Medicare benefits; legal guide lines for special gifts to the church; often overlooked ideas for tax savings; special checklist for preparing returns; and Free Supplement on surcharge tax and new tax laws. Indexed.

**IN TIMES LIKE THESE** by Vance Havner (Fleming H. Revell, 128 pp., \$3.50).

Widely known evangelist and Bible conference speaker here issues a summons for "daring, fearless prophets who will call the nation to repentance and for church members who will stand up and be counted with Jesus Christ." He concludes with a concise statement of what one can believe "in times like these."

**DARK SIDE OF GLORY** by Berta Swan (Zondervan, 127 pp., \$2.95).

In this realistic novel about people and their problems, a young man feels called into the ministry, after he has already earned a law degree. His father takes drastic measures to force him to remain in the law firm. There follows the problem: protect family unity, or follow the heart?

**THE FRAGMENTED, THE EMPLOYED, THE LOVE** by Patti Bard (Zondervan, 154 pp., \$3.50).

Dr. Frank Gaebelin says, "This book provides a welcome and exciting change from the usual run of Christian fiction. An account of how an awakening of neighbor love began in a suburban community, it will give complacent evangelicals some severe jolts and face pagan sophistications with some disturbing realities. Patti Bard writes with imagination."

**FIFTY CHARACTER STORIES** by Charles and Ruby Treadway (Broadman Press, 171 pp., \$3.50).

"Moral education is impossible," said English educator A. L. Whitehead, "apart from the habitual vision of greatness." Each character story in this book points to a "vision of greatness" found in one individual's life. Over the past 15 years Mr. and Mrs. Treadway have written many short biographies as a means of character education. Biographies in this book, chosen from their best stories, may be used for telling, for dramatic readings, or as illustrations for speakers and teachers. Both authors are graduates of Mississippi College. Mr. Treadway is consultant in the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Mrs. Treadway is associate professor of English at Belmont College, Nashville.

**WHO? WHAT? WHERE? BIBLE QUIZZES** by Max Stillson (Baker, paperback, 93 pp., \$1.50).

An entertaining and educational book of Bible quizzes, this contains such questions as, "Who was a seller of purple? What was Isaac's favorite meat? Where did Paul see a bright light shine from heaven?"

**MORNING DEVOTIONS** by Don Miley (Christ for the World Publishers, paperback, 99 pp., \$2).

The author, Rev. L. Don Miley, pastor of Ozark Baptist Church, Ozark, Ala., has conducted a radio program for twelve years. In this book are 21 devotional messages gathered from the radio talks. Some of the titles are "The Old Rugged Cross," "Six Things Every Believer in Christ Should Know," "Setting up Life's Sails," and "The King Who Knew Not Joseph."

**MEDITATION PROGRAMS** by LaWayne Hulse (Zondervan, paperback, 64 pp., \$1.00).

**YOUR LAST GOODBYE** by Salem Kirban (Salem Kirban, Inc., Kent Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, 19066, 348 pp., paper, \$2.95).

A discussion of what happens the moment you die. The author begins by discussing the fact that death must come to all, and then shows how people are seeking the answer to life's problems here in this world. He talks about the search of youth, of business men, and of others. He then discusses how to live until death comes through faith in Jesus Christ. This is followed by his consideration of the signs that the end of the world is not too far away but that we have a way of preparing for it. He talks about heaven and about hell, about the day in which this world ends and about when the earth will be burned up. He appeals to people to be born again, to prepare for eternity. The book is filled with illustrations, some in full color, and with numerous charts which are used to help explain the text. To some the book will be startling, but it challenges individuals to turn to God, it will have achieved its purpose. The author is a premillennialist and believes that the second coming of Christ and man's destiny with eternity may not be too far away. However, he makes clear, that for all men eternity is just a heart beat away.

**EARTH, MOON, AND BEYOND** by Bob W. Parrott (Word, 178 pp., \$4.95).

A Methodist minister discusses the meaning of the incredible accomplishments in space which America has been making in recent years. The author is a friend of many of the astronauts, with some of them being members of his church. In this volume he explores some religious aspects of the space program. He says, "Space science can help us to see the kind of universe we live in and as Christians we should want to know, because the universe belongs to God." The book is beautifully illustrated with numerous photographs, both black and white and colored, and with a chart inside the front cover which illustrates just what the accomplishments have been. Those interested in understanding the spiritual impact of present day accomplishments will find this to be a most enlightening volume.

**THE OLD FARMERS ALMANAC 1970** (Yankee, Inc., Dublin, New Hampshire, 144 pp., paper, \$3.50).

The 178th anniversary edition of the famous old farmers almanac which was founded in 1792 is just as full of information and interesting material as usual. Not only does it have the regular almanac features predicting weather, and so forth, but also contains many pages of other information, stories, poetry, anecdotes, puzzles, and other material published in a format similar to that of its very beginning. Even the advertising is interesting to peruse.

**EXPLORE GOD'S UNIVERSE — A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE HOLY BIBLE** (Holman, 1124 pp., \$3.95).

This is a special edition of the Bible with an introductory insert with articles and pictures on the Bible in the space age written by J. W. Reed. The introductory section is beautifully illustrated, and the jacket carries the amazing photograph of the earth taken from one of the Apollo flights.

**TO KEEP A PROMISE** by Fred Starr (Christopher, 173 pp., \$3.95).

A Christian novel about a young man in a farming community in southwestern Arkansas and his burning ambition for education and achievement. This is a story of the hills which will delight the reader.

Southern Baptist Convention meeting in 1919, "Baptists do not ride a horse that does not have a bridle."



## Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

### Evil Never Pays Well

Here is a newsbit concerning the death of a woman who, during the 1920's and 1930's, rode in swank limousines; sported the finest of furs and jewelry, and amassed a fortune through sordid practices. She died in a cheap walk-up hotel, financially bankrupt, and completely alone.

In all probability, during her days of glamorous prosperity from largely illegal activities, there were many women who seethed with resentment, complaining that, while the "worthy ones" pined in poverty, the wicked ones seemed to wallow in luxury!

Christians have so often been at their poorest perception and demonstration of faith in the specific promises of God's Word while facing the apparent prosperity of the wicked.

**Hear God's Word**  
An assurance adequate for dispelling any suspicion that the wicked "have it all their way" is a passage from Proverbs: "Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; for there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out." It should not be necessary for the Christian to be reminded that

this assurance from God's Word has been neither amended nor revoked and that, therefore, evil brings its own dire penalty inevitably.

Conversely, righteousness of living brings its rich rewards to the right-living individual. Apart from any aspect of financial gain or promotion in position, righteous living sustains the foundation of an individual's life and strengthens the fabric of both character and conduct. Peace of mind, joy of heart, and unhampered fellowship with God are some of the dividends of righteousness.

**Need A Cure For Resentment?**  
I know a man who has found a sure cure for resentment of the temporary prosperity of the wicked. When he finds the resentment about to arise within him, he sits down quietly and reads Psalm 1 slowly as many times as the condition of his heart requires. He tells me that, in even the hardest times of rising resentment, he finds that Psalm is an effective antidote.

"For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."  
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### The BEST Best Seller

By Charles Myers, pastor  
Alta Woods, Jackson

When you start talking about books you are getting on one of my favorite subjects. There are few things that bring as much pleasure to me as reading a good book. This has always been true with me. I remember what pleasure I had as a boy reading good books.

One of the things that bothers me is that books which I considered classics when I was young no longer have an appeal to children. I thought that *The Call of the Wild*, *The Wolf Hunters*, *Moby Dick*, *Treasure Island*, and the series of books dealing with twins from various countries by Lucy Fitch Perkins were so outstanding that anybody would like them. My wife has added "The Little Women" series to the list. But children today do not care at all for these books.

Perhaps it is hard on my pride but I can understand this. Times change and the events which surrounded the books just mentioned no longer exist. Adventure is found in an altogether different area. Now and then I read again one of these favorites of mine. I still think they are great books, but readily see where a person who was no familiar with the times in which they were written would not be impressed.

I am sure this has always been true. The books that appealed to my Mother and Dad when they were children had no appeal for me. And the books that mean so much to children today will have little appeal to children of the next generation. We live in a changing world and books are no exception.

This is just one other fact that makes it so amazing that the Bible continues to be the number one seller as far as books are concerned in every

## ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

Three Danish scientists have reported evidence that carbon monoxide from cigarette smoke may contribute to the development of diseased arteries in smokers. They connected it specifically to arteriosclerosis, a disease characterized by the accumulation of fats in the walls of the larger arteries. Arteriosclerosis is held responsible for most heart attacks, strokes, and some other disabilities related to the circulatory system. (San Francisco Examiner, 11-4-69)

generation. Other books come and go and the Bible keeps right on being bought and read by every generation.

The reasons for this are quite simple when one stops to analyze it. The first is that the Bible has God for an author and God is not limited to a single locale nor to a few years in time. The second reason is that this book deals with man's needs and those needs are the same in every generation and in every nation. Every man is a sinner by choice. That sin separates man from God. Unless something can be done for man he will be forever separated. The Bible not only points out the fact man is separated from God by sin, but it tells man God loves him and has done something about that condition. It tells man that Jesus Christ died for him. God says that if any man will repent of his sin, and trust Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, he will forgive all of that sin and adopt him into the family of God.

What God is saying in this book is that He loves us in spite of our sin. This love is not just talk. He demonstrated it in the death of Christ. That love is for every man. As long as men live that message will be welcomed by all and the book that tells about it will continue to be the best seller.

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# Single Memorial Fund At Mississippi College Helps 103 Students

Ten years ago Dec. 6 the W. Elmer Thompson Memorial Fund was started at Mississippi College.

The first loan amounted to only \$285. This year alone, just a decade later, eighteen loans have been made amounting to \$9,575.

Quite a jump from a small beginning, but it's just an example of what can happen to memorial funds if properly administered and carefully watched.

It was on Dec. 6, 1959, that a five man committee was appointed by Mrs. Thompson to administer a memorial fund started in memory of her late husband. She began it with a \$3,000 gift.

The committee consisted of Col. and

Mrs. Eugene C. Fleming of Jackson, Doss Fulton of Jackson, N. B. White of Wesson, and Dr. Eugene I. Farr, professor of education at Mississippi College.

Before her death in 1963, Mrs. Thompson had increased the fund to \$46,500 by additional gifts. Through provisions in her will, the principal rose to nearly \$100,000.

Both Mrs. Thompson, and her husband, a 1905 graduate of Mississippi College, taught school many years in Attala, Winston, Franklin, and Itawamba counties. Mrs. Thompson is reported to be the only woman in Mississippi who ever served as superintendent of an agricultural high school and coeducational boarding school—Itawamba County Agricultural High School, now part of Itawamba Junior

College.

Although school teachers, the Thompsons invested their savings during their lifetime and, having no children of their own, were able personally to help a number of young people through school before the memorial fund was established.

In setting up the fund, Mrs. Thompson specified five conditions under which the fund was to be managed. In addition to establishing the fund under its present title and designating the members of the self-perpetuating selection committee for the first ten years, she asked that the gift be invested by the college and its annual income used to make gifts or loans, with interest at minimum prevailing rates, to Mississippi College students. She preferred loans.

She requested that the recipients be of Christian character, be in need of financial assistance, and have the scholastic ability necessary for college work. She also specified that service on the five-member committee be without expense to the fund.

Mrs. Thompson designated C. E. Fleming as her intermediary and he was subsequently elected chairman of the selection committee. They set up regulations which would guide them in selection, cognizant of Mrs. Thompson's wishes. In the event of competition between applicants of equal qualifications, preference would be given to applicants from Attala, Winston, Franklin, and Itawamba counties.

The first loan in 1960, amounted to \$285. The following year it jumped to \$350 and in 1962 the total of loans

was almost \$600. This year 18 loans have been made, amounting to \$9,575.

As of now, a total of over \$31,000 has been awarded in loans. No grants have been made. More than \$17,000 in principal and \$400 in interest has been repaid. Approximately \$14,000 in principal and \$250 in accrued interest is in the process of being paid.

A total of 103 loans has been made in the ten years, with 68 having already been paid back in full. Of the loans made, only one has defaulted—\$250 (bankruptcy).

"This amounts to less than one percent loss, a very enviable record for repayment of loans without collateral security," stated Dr. Farr, secretary of the committee. "This speaks well for the honesty of the students who have secured these loans."

Among the loan recipients have been housewives, ministers, classroom teachers, public school principals, and college professors. There have been five man-and-wife combinations.

In starting the ten year old fund, Mrs. Thompson said, "Mr. Thompson loves Mississippi College and the ideals that it has always fostered. I want to establish the fund in his honor so that the deep interest he manifested in his alma mater while living may live on after him in the lives of deserving young people — young men and women who otherwise would not be financially able to obtain a college education without aid of the fund."

Her wish has come true — in the lives of 103 Mississippi College students.

## A Miracle Of Faith

### Young Jordanian Pastor Studies In New Orleans

A young Jordanian Baptist pastor has begun the third and final phase of his American education at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is Sami Ammari of 4444-C Seminary Place in New Orleans. The Reverend Mr. Ammari, with his wife, Ripsie, and daughter, Ruthie, left their Arab home near Amman, Jordan, four years ago to follow a dream of an education in America.

Sami's story is a modern miracle of faith. Without a standard high school diploma, and without the money to finance his education, he began to pray. Sami later said, "I actually learned how prayer changes things. I saw the hand of God performing miracles in my life and in the lives of the members of my family, not only as I was preparing for coming to the States for my education but also in my ministry, my schooling, and my living in this blessed country."

Sami became a Christian at age 14, and immediately faced strong opposition from his own family. His oldest brother came to a meeting one evening to remove Sami from the service and to beat him for their religious differences. Instead, the brother sat in the rear of the church and was converted and is now pastoring a church.

Sami's oldest sister next joined him and is now married to a Baptist minister. His mother later came to him weeping and saying, "Please, my son, baptize me." He was later joined by his two remaining sisters and his grandmother. At last he gained the respect of his father, who, says Sami, "used to think of me as the devil of the house for being victimized by the American missionaries and for backsliding from the Greek Orthodox." After arriving in the States, Sami received a letter from his father saying that he now thinks of him as an angel from Heaven.

Difficulties were overcome one by one, until in 1965 Sami and his family boarded a plane for the United States, where he would enroll at Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga. One person helped with travel expenses from Jerusalem. The Kiwanis Club helped in providing a house. The First Baptist Church of Cleveland presented a car. Several churches and individuals helped Mrs. Ammari with her schooling and others helped with groceries. "Through it all we could see the hand of the Lord," Mr. Ammari reported.

After graduation from Truett-McConnell College and Mercer University, Mr. Ammari enrolled at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he and his family are still "living on faith."

Numerous speaking engagements in churches, schools and civic groups have enabled the young Jordanian to travel throughout much of the southeastern United States. Revivals, mission studies, pulpit supply work and one pastorate have taken Mr. Ammari into more than 175 American churches during the past four years.

One of the few regrets of which Mr. Ammari speaks is the difficulty which American missionaries have faced in Jordan since the Arab-Israeli war. "Many Jordanians feel that it was an American war, and therefore they find it hard to consider the American missionaries as friends," he said. He quickly added, "Those who have been led to Christ by the missionaries do not feel that way."

Much of the Southern Baptist mission work in Jordan is located in the Mountains of Gilead near an Arab radar station. The area has received heavy shelling and many residents



MR. AND MRS. SAMI AMMARI and daughter Ruthie view a dish which they brought with them for Jordan. "Articles from home become small treasures when you are half way around the world", Mr Ammari said.

have left. Mr. Ammari's former church is at nearby Ajlaja, Jordan.

"The witness of the Baptist mission hospital has been increased, however, because of the many war injuries which have been treated there," Mr. Ammari said. Mrs. Ammari, who once worked as a lab technician

there, is now a lab technician in New Orleans.

Sami's original enthusiasm and faith have been encouraged by the generosity of American friends. He is certain that God will provide the needs of his family as he continues his education.

## Luke Primary Source, According To Baptist Scholar

By Dwight L. Baker

HAIFA, Israel — A Southern Baptist missionary and biblical scholar stationed in Jerusalem, Israel, has disputed the commonly accepted theory of the priority of Mark among the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke).

Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, 52-year-old native of Norman, Okla., who has been translating the New Testament into Hebrew during the past 10 years,

says he has evidence pointing to Luke's gospel as older and more historically accurate than Mark's. His hypothesis is set forth in the so-page introduction to his newly published work, *A Hebrew Translation of the Gospel of Mark* (Dugith Publishers, Tel Aviv, Israel).

Dr. Lindsey concludes, counter to most New Testament scholars of the past 80 years, that instead of Luke and Matthew using Mark as a basis

for their narratives, Mark uses Luke (along with a protonarrative), and Matthew draws heavily from Luke.

He admits accidentally stumbling into his Lukan hypothesis in the course of translating Mark into Hebrew. He found he could not make the translation without distortions. But Luke translated easily into Hebrew which indicated to Dr. Lindsey that the Greek text had been based on a Hebrew source. Mark, he found, contains many "non-Hebraic" words and phrases, along with problems of literary construction, that are almost totally absent from Luke.

Dr. Lindsey's book has been hailed by other scholars as the most scientific work of New Testament translation into modern Hebrew in the past 100 years. Dr. David Flusser, professor of comparative religion at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, says that acceptance of Dr. Lindsey's theory means a revolution in understanding and interpreting the New Testament.

Dr. Flusser says a word of this nature could not have taken place aside from "the God-ordained event of a Christian scholar, versed in Greek, coming to live and work in a Hebrew-speaking country. I am grateful that through the Lindseyan theory I learned how to understand the New Testament."

Following Dr. Lindsey's methods, Dr. Flusser points out, scholars can now work through the Greek text with the sure knowledge that an ear-

lier Hebrew source existed, written probably around A.D. 40-50. "This brings us some 20 years closer to the original," he says.

Dr. Lindsey began his translation after seeing the need for a Hebrew New Testament that could easily be read and understood by small Christian congregations in Israel. He first came to Israel as a student for one year (1939) and learned Hebrew. He and his wife returned to Israel in 1945 under appointment by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The Lindseys have six children.

## Journeymen To Train At Meredith

The 1970 Southern Baptist missionary journeyman training program will be held in a new location. The 225-acre campus of Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., will be the site for the training program, scheduled for June 13 - August 8.

The first 46 volunteers trained at Westhampton College of the University of Richmond (Va.). After the first year the program moved to Virginia Intermont College, Bristol.

Like Westhampton College and Virginia Intermont College, Meredith College is a Baptist women's school. It is within a 30-mile radius of the so-called Research Triangle: North Carolina State University at Raleigh, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Meredith also has a cooperative edu-

cation program with the other colleges in Raleigh.

Foreign students from the nearby educational institutions will contribute to the curriculum of the journeyman training program during the week of study of world religions.

## 32 Vietnamese Youth OPT For Church Work

Thirty-two young Vietnamese said they are dedicating their lives to Christian vocations, and some are beginning pre-seminary studies, following a "challenge to full-time commitment" by a Southern Baptist missionary. The young people responded to the preaching of Rev. Samuel M. James at Faith Baptist Church in Nhatrang, Vietnam.

## Haifa Baptists Organize Church

On November 1 the Haifa Baptist congregation formally organized itself into a church, independent of any local or foreign assistance. It is the sixth Baptist church in Israel.

Gathered to share the festive occasion were representatives from the United Christian Council in Israel (UCCI), an English Baptist, and pastors from some Israeli Baptist churches. All brought greetings to the new church and wished it blessing and increase.

From its first meeting on October 30, 1965, the congregation expressed its desire not to become a mission but to function independently. At no time has it requested assistance from local or foreign church groups, ac-

cording to Dr. Dwight L. Baker, Southern Baptist missionary stationed in Haifa.

Also from the beginning the group operated with the widest possible outreach. Its services were conducted in Hebrew, Arabic, and English through the means of a translation system. Friends from various national backgrounds were encouraged to participate in the ministries of the congregation.

During the first months of its life the infant organization was sponsored by the Acre Baptist Church, whose pastor, Edward Souti (not studying in the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland), came each month to assist in the worship services.



## Hospital Outpatients In Jibla, Yemen

Outpatients at the Baptist hospital in Jibla, Yemen, pose for a photo while awaiting medical treatment. Photo by Franklin T. Fowler.

## Doctrine Or Tradition?

By Judson Nowotny  
minister of education

First Church, Hereford, Texas

We live in a world of change—a world crying out for relevancy. The same is true in our church and denomination. Weekly we hear the cry from out pulpits—on the one hand, "hold forth to the old doctrines" and on the other, "make the Gospel relevant." Churches are being strained to the "splitting point", associations & state conventions are in great turmoil over certain issues.

I have listened to churches, pastors and denominational leaders from various camps of thought. Listening intently with an open mind several things come to light. Even in a nation of advanced education and technology communication continues to be an increasingly difficult problem. Words just simply mean different things to different people. There is confusion about what is principle and what is method; differences as to what is conviction, fact, theory, revelation, speculation, literal, symbolic, etc. The greatest problem or difference and one that seems to pop up more often than any other is that of what is doctrine and what is tradition.

In youth fellowship we play a game listing several well known quotations on a sheet of paper. The object is to determine which is scripture and which is a proverb. It's always amazing how many quotations are thought to be scripture that are not at all. Still more amazing is to hear someone dogmatically argue that a certain quotation is in the Bible "somewhere" when it is not. We are on a collision course in our convention over several issues unless we reconsider honestly and openly what is doctrine and what is tradition. Baptism and racial issues are good cases in point. That is, what is doctrine concerning baptism and race and what is tradition?

Tradition is a great heritage—relevancy is a great challenge. We must maintain our doctrines and principles or lose our unity and our cause. We must change methods and tradition and become relevant to the people of our day or lose them.

Change principles? No!—Methods? Yes!

Change doctrine? Never!—Tradition? Ever!

May the Lord help us to know which is which for His Kingdom's sake.



DR. ROBERT L. LINDSEY, missionary to Israel, stands to congratulate the congregation of Haifa Baptist Church on the occasion of its formal organization on November 1, 1965. Dr. Lindsey joined Israel Baptist churches in 1945 and has since been instrumental in the development of the new church, which had an independent mission for four years.



## Butler Accepts Nashville Post

December 28, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Butler tendered their resignation to Main Street Church as minister of music and organist, effective January 15.

Mr. Butler has accepted the position as editor of a pre-school music magazine published by the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Butler also will have a part in developing policies for a music program for pre-school children to be used throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

In addition to his duties at the church, Mr. Butler directed the Hattiesburg Choral group and also the B.S.U. Choir at the University of Southern Mississippi.

During the year and a half that he has served as minister of music at Main Street, he developed a program which was second largest in the state. There were fifteen choirs, including the handbell ringers. Mr. Butler also was in charge of details connected with the televising of the Sunday morning worship hour.

Last summer he took fifty young people on a tour concluding in Rhode Island. The group sang in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, in churches and also at a Folk Festival in Rhode Island where many thousands of young people, a large part of whom were hippies, had congregated from all over the world.

### Called To South Carolina

Rev. Ray Campbell has resigned the pastorate of Richland Church, Plain, in Rankin County, to accept the pastorate of East Clemson Church, Clemson, South Carolina. Mr. Campbell has served as pastor of Richland for nine years. Prior to that time, he was pastor of East Fork Church, Amite County, for two years. A native of South Carolina, he is a graduate of Furman University and of New Orleans Seminary. He is married to a native Mississippian.

### American Library

### Association Gives

### \$2000 To Wm. Carey

William Carey College was one of only 15 institutions of higher learning in the United States this week to receive a grant of \$2,000 from the American Library Association. All grants were in the form of cash awards and were distributed without regard to location or affiliation. The major support for the grants, totaling \$38,500, was provided by the United States Steel Foundation, Inc. Other contributors were the H. W. Wilson Foundation, Inc., Olin Mathieson Charitable Trust, and Putney - Bowes, Inc.

According to a letter received by President of Carey, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, the \$2000 is to be "used only for the purchase of library materials, defined as book and periodical materials."

The grants were made to the following institutions: College of Saint Francis, Concordia College, Grand Canyon College, Iowa Wesleyan College, Linfield College, Livingston College, Mount Marty College, Nazareth College of Rochester, Pacific Union College, Roberts Wesleyan College, Seattle Pacific College, Sierra Heights College, Sterling College, Villa Madonna College, and William Carey College.

Highland Deacon Dies  
Willis Eugene (Gene) McMullan, deacon of Highland Church, Meridian, died on November 19, 1969, at the age of 58. Deacons and pastor of his church have adopted a resolution in his memory.

"Whereas, Gene had served his Lord and Highland Church faithfully for many years as a deacon, church greeter, and usher and  
"Whereas, his warm, cheerful personality and Christ-controlled temperament were an inspiration to all who knew him  
"Be it therefore resolved that we, the pastor and deacons of Highland Church, Meridian, express our thanks to God for sharing Gene with us and that we express our sympathy to and prayer support for his wife, Ouida, and his sons, Jimmy McMullan, and Captain Barry McMullan, USMC.

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## Walkers Celebrate Golden Wedding

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Barney Walker was celebrated on December 20 when all the members of the family gathered at Kings Inn, Jackson.

Hosting the dinner were all of the couple's six children and their families: the Jim Richardsons (Justyne) Birmingham, Alabama; the Stanley Massons (Virginia), Rockford, Illinois; the Richard L. Millers (Valda), Jackson, Mississippi; the Barney Walker, Jr.s, Houston, Texas; the Pat Walkers, Memphis, Tennessee; and the Robert Stoltzings (Martha Jane) Olathe, Kansas. The Walkers' seventeen grandchildren were also present for the occasion.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Walker (nee Norma Mayfield) were teaching school when they were married in Collins, December 20, 1919. After graduation from Mississippi College, Mr. Walker attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He has been pastor of Baptist churches throughout the state: Friars Point, Dundee, Rosedale, Shaw, Hollandale, Poplarville, Forest and Tunica. In addition to these pastorates, he was active in the evangelistic field for 15 years and has been interim pastor to several churches. He and his wife retired to Jackson where the couple reside at 3630 Southland Drive.

## Rev. Alton B. Harris Dies At Belmont

On November 16, 1969, Rev. Alton B. Harris dies at the age of 65. Mr. Harris had been in ill health for several months and had just recently retired and resigned his pastorate at Calvary Church, Belmont.

He was licensed to preach by Fairview West Church in Cullman County, Alabama, Sept. 15, 1928. For many years he pastored several churches in his home county of Cullman, before serving the following full-time churches.

Garden City, Alabama; Adamsville, Tennessee; Holly, Mississippi; Whitehall, Tennessee; Center Hill, Alabama; Zion Hill, Mississippi; and Calvary, Belmont, Mississippi.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m., Nov. 18, at Calvary Church, Belmont, with Rev. Coe Marbutt, Rev. W. C. Gann, and Rev. J. A. Blunt officiating. Interment services were held at Whitehall Church, Trenton, Tennessee.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sarah Harris, Belmont; two sons, Charles, Belmont, and Brooks, Memphis, Tennessee; two daughters, Mrs. Alice Jean Walls, Trenton, Tenn., and Miss Martha Mae Harris, Belmont; and five grandchildren.

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# Baptist Missionary Edits Chinese-Language Hymnal

By Ione Gray  
HONG KONG — Music is not a universal language. Except perhaps as one disciplined artist identifies with another. Or as the apparently universal human trait of curiosity causes persons of one ethnic group to listen to the rhythms of another.

These thoughts were collected as I talked with a brilliant, outgoing, sensitive master of music, L. G. McKinney Jr., missionary to Hong Kong, has given up teaching in a theological seminary, and most other activities, to preserve and standardize some of the indigenous religious music of China and to put it along with other music into a Chinese-language hymnal.

McKinney, music editor for Baptist Press in Hong Kong (publishing arm of the Hong Kong Baptist churches association), is directing the laborious process of selecting, editing, translating, and publishing the hymnal. He hopes to have it in the Baptist churches of Asia by Christmas 1970.

Christian hymns are being gathered from all over the world, but nearly 100 of the 600 to be included in the volume are indigenous to China in music and in words. The music of any ethnic group contains the highest ideals of the people making the music, McKinney says.

The hymnal was first recommended

at an Orient Baptist mission conference in 1957. Various committees had their ups and downs until finally in 1967 a five-member committee, representing several countries, got organized for work. McKinney began the editing in the fall of that year.

In his office at Baptist Press, the 39-year-old native of Houston, Tex., sits over a list of contents by subjects (on every interest in Christianity; and the many versions of each hymn being considered. There he tries to grasp the original intent of each and to sort out the loftiest words and music of praise to God.

Tears appear in his eyes occasionally as he talks of the importance of

the "second most important book for the Christian and the church. . . of course, the first is the Bible." He thinks he is doing the most important job in the world for him.

His pretty wife presides over a neat card index of hymns already selected. The former Florence Fielder, she was born in China to Southern Baptist missionary parents.

Gabriel Chi, McKinney's assistant, goes about the tedious job of editing and proofing the music and words, which are in Mandarin (Mandarin is the written language which can be read by literate Chinese of all dialects.)

(See Page 8 for photo)

## Who Is The Hospital Chaplain?

By Michael J. Ledbetter, Missionary  
Chaplain, Guadalajara, Mexico

He's the one who  
... witnesses of God's love to an 81-year-old patient as he meticulously counts the money to turn over to the office.  
... combs the hair of a young man who has both arms broken.  
... listens to all the gripes and complaints about everything from food to weather.  
... conducts funerals for people who have no church affiliation.  
... presents a Bible and a picture of the new baby to a mother as he tells her of the spiritual new birth.  
... talks, with tears in his eyes, to the Roman Catholic nun as her father's life is ebbing away in an adjoining room.  
... seeks to relate the patients to the Lord while they are in the hospital and to a church when they leave.  
... weeps with the husband who has lost two wives to cancer, then watches him enter the hospital to die—perhaps of a broken heart.  
... helps take away the boredom of a retired person by giving him little jobs.  
... listens to an 80-year-old man proudly recite the twenty third Psalm and break into sobs as he remembers his mother who taught it to him long ago.  
The hospital chaplain tries to be all things to all people that he might win some, not by talking of religion but of a relationship with Christ.  
He's the last link between life and death for many people.  
His joy and Christian privilege is to "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

## MUSIC

### State Junior Choral Festival

The Planning Committee for the State Junior Choral Festival, Graham Smith, First, Pascagoula, coordinator, has finalized plans for this festival scheduled for Saturday, April 11, Coliseum, Jackson.

The guest conductor will be J. S. Burroughs, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Athens, Texas. The committee has selected the following music to be used at the festival.

"A Festival of Carols"—Caldwell, Sacred Songs, Waco, Texas, \$1.25

"The First Lord's Day"—McElrath, arr. Burroughs, Bob Burroughs Jr. Musician, Jan., Feb., Mar., 1970. Also available in octavo copies No. JF088, \$2.25

"Chitty Chitty Bang, Bang"—Sherman, SA, No. 349, Big Three Music Co., 1350 Ave. of the Americas, N. Y., N.Y. \$3.35

Hymn—"My Singing Is A Prayer"—Jr. Hymnal (also printed on Festival Brochure being mailed out)

This music can be purchased at the Baptist Book Store.

## Surgery Unit Wins Decorations Competition

The Surgery Unit of Mississippi Baptist Hospital again took top honors in the hospital's second annual Christmas decorations competition.

Surgery's exhibit combined a religious theme (angels with trumpets and harps announcing the birth of Christ) with a miniature recreation of an operating room, titled, "Twas the Night Before Christmas in the Surgery Suite."

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## Memorial Service Honors Joe Ogletree

Recently, a memorial service was held at the Baptist Student Center at Mississippi State University, in memory of Joseph Allen Ogletree, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ogletree of Clinton. He was a senior in English at State and was serving as Baptist Student Union president at the time of his fatal automobile accident in October.

A tribute to Joe was given by Sharon Applegate, associate Baptist Student Union director, after which a check was presented to the Baptist

Student Union director, Jerry Merri-man, in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used for summer missions and other projects. Joe had served in Utah and Ohio as a student summer missionary. The check was given by Bill Rucker, insurance representative, on behalf of Joe's parents.

Many student-friends attended the memorial for Joe, an outstanding young man for Christ. The service was taped and sent to his family, who were unable to attend.

## Alcohol Misuse - Drug Abuse

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- 7:15 P.M. Filmstrip presentation on drug abuse
- 7:45 P.M. Resources available to cope with drug abuse  
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- 8:00 P.M. "What Church People Can Do About  
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## Jesus Confronts Evil

By Clifton J. Allen  
Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews  
2:14-18; 4:14-16

God did not ignore the stark reality of sin in the world. He anticipated the human situation and man's lost condition. He therefore conceived man's redemption. The coming of Jesus Christ into the world was God's mighty act for the deliverance of man from the power of evil. But this called for conflict with evil. It was necessary for Jesus to enter into conflict with evil on the stage of history. Thus Jesus encountered Satan. The temptation experience in the wilderness was a necessary aspect of Jesus' incarnation. It was a part of his humiliation. It was a part of his victory. It was an aspect of his finished and eternal redemption.

### THE LESSON EXPLAINED JESUS IN CONFLICT WITH EVIL (Matt. 4:1-2)

How could Jesus be tempted? Why was temptation a necessity? It was a necessary part of his humanity. Had he not experienced temptation, he would not have been able to sympathize experientially with all men in their temptation. Had he not been assaulted by Satan, he would not have had opportunity to resist Satan and to have achieved sinlessness by the utmost of moral purpose, spiritual struggle, and perfect fidelity to God. We cannot understand or explain the perfect blending of deity and humanity in Jesus. We do not have to. We can know the fact that he met Satan in direct encounter, that Satan did his utmost — with every device of his satanic genius — to break down Jesus' moral purpose and to penetrate the strength of his perfect goodness, and that through his victory Jesus moved forward in fulfilling his saving mission.

### JESUS' TEMPTATION AND VICTORY (Matt. 4:3-11)

The first suggestion was to turn the stones into bread, after forty days and nights of fasting, to satisfy hunger. As the Son of God, Jesus had power to do this. Though desperately hungry, Jesus refused to satisfy his hunger miraculously; he refused to forsake his role of being human. He refused to be tempted by the word of God for the mind and heart of man. He refused to become a bread Messiah.

The second suggestion was to leap from a pinnacle of the Temple and presume on the protecting care of God. Jesus refused to turn faith into reckless presumption. He refused to use magic to get to a crowd. He refused to ignore his humanity and disregard natural law. He refused to adopt sensationalism as a way to manifest his divine power and validate his messianic mission. He would not tempt God, and he would not exploit the vainglory in men's minds.

Satan's third suggestion was that Jesus accept world dominion — "all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them" — as a gift from Satan, simply by recognizing Satan's authority and power. Jesus refused the easy way, the way of compromise, the way of the devil's strategies, the way of avoiding Calvary, the way of avoiding humiliation and blood and sweat and tears and crucifixion and death. Jesus came to establish a kingdom, but he would gain his throne by the way of the cross.

### HELP FOR THE CHRISTIAN (Heb. 4:14-16)

We have a great High Priest who won a full and final victory over Satan during the days of his flesh and who, through his death, in a very real way destroyed the power of the devil. We can therefore hold fast to our confession of him as Lord and Saviour.

We must live in the midst of evil as we enter Satan at every turn. I am assured that Christ understands our weakness; he has unlimited power. He will deal with us in mercy and give help which we do not deserve — all we need.

### Truths to Live By

Temptation is a fierce reality in Christian experience. — Let not Christians be surprised by the necessity for the continuing encounter with Satan. He has no greater satisfaction than leading Christians astray, leading them to deny Christ and betray their faith in him, leading Christians to doubt and discouragement, leading Christians to the depths of moral corruption and pride and infidelity, and making them instruments for some other person's betrayal and defeat. He may withdraw his appeal for a time, just in order to renew his attack at a more opportune time or with more subtle persuasion. But the character of Satan is always the same. He is evil in nature, deceptive in method, persistent and determined in his strategy, and bent on turning a person away from God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Christ's victory over evil is on trial in us. — As long as this age continues, evil is present in the world. The Christian, though delivered from the power of evil, is still subject to the evil inclinations resident in human life, and he is still subject to the attacks of Satan. The Christian life is the stage on which the conflict continues, the arena in which the purpose and power of Christ are opposed by the forces of evil. His life can become an exhibition of Christ's victory over evil, a living demonstration of the victory Christ wants to achieve and can achieve when there is trust in him and loyalty to him.

Remembering Jesus' victory inspires purpose and struggle. — Remembering Jesus quickens a desire for goodness, a sense of moral responsibility, a desire to please God, and a realization that the help of Christ is available. To remember Jesus Christ is the best way to tune in with the will of God, to make contact with the power of the Holy Spirit, and to experience a combination of release from frustration and the fullness of exciting purpose and confidence and joy. If we keep Christ at the center of thought and purpose, we can struggle against opposition and never give up; we can win a victory over Satan and give all the praise to Christ himself.

### Olivet Calls Pastor

Olivet Church, Gulfport, recently called Rev. A. T. Walker of McLaurin as pastor. The church is located in one of the faster growing areas of the Gulf Coast Association. The church is four years old and has a church plant to meet the needs of the present membership.

Mr. Walker has been pastor of McLaurin, First Church, and Dean of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary Southeast Center, Hattiesburg. While he was serving the McLaurin Church for two years, the church built a new plant, and put central heat and air-conditioning in the pastorage. The budget more than doubled during the time Mr. Walker served as pastor.

Mr. Walker has served as pastor in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and as Superintendent of Missions in Alabama. He has spoken in World Missions Conferences in San Francisco, California, and in several associations in Ohio, and West Virginia, and Alabama.

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Romans 2:17-3:9  
By Bill Duncan

There must have been a large Jewish population in Rome, because material in the book of Romans is addressed to Jews. There was no one more qualified to speak to Jews than Paul. . . for in the letter to the Philippians, chapter 3:4-6, we read how he had once felt about his Jewish religion. But all of this he counted as loss when he found Christ to be the Messiah and living Saviour. Now, as he looks at the Jewish religion, he sees how many have misunderstood.

We who have grown up with the teaching of the Bible can very easily slip into the error of the Jews mentioned in our scripture reading. The guilt of the privileged is not a rare question exclusive to the Jews. We who live in the Bible Belt, with the finest of help, may be the worst sinners of all. We even have greater responsibility because we have so much.

### Profession without Practice

Paul begins by stating the privileges, claim and position of the Jews. Many texts read, "But if those are a Jew." The word Jew comes from the tribe name Judah and means praise . . . one who praises God. This is really a play on words. Those who should be praising God are really bringing shame upon him. They put their dependence in the profession of the law, but they have not a feeling or obligation to obey it. They have pride in their name and talk about worshipping God. They even are in a position to understand God's will. They are knowledgeable about the position of God and teach others. Yet they are not willing to learn their own lessons.

The Jews are guilty of three matters mentioned in this section: stealing, adultery, and robbing the temple. They knew the commandments but they did not know about the power to keep them from breaking them. The accusation against robbing temples could have been the occasion that Tiberius in 19 A. D. used to run the Jews out of Rome. For it seems that some Jewish leaders led a noble Roman lady to make a contribution to the temple at Jerusalem and she was killed. Priscilla and Aquilla were two that left because of such a decree.

As a result, their transgression had dishonored God, and the name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles because of their moral failures. Unchristian conduct always makes the cause of Christ to suffer.

The actions of the Jews had shown that the purpose of the circumcision was missed. The rite of circumcision was meant to be a sign of their faith

in God and thus an incentive for faithfulness to God. The Gentile who demonstrates in his life the righteousness of the law is better than the Jew who transgresses the law. It takes more than an ordinance or a rite to make one right with God. "He is not a Jew who is one outwardly." 2:28. He must belong to a certain race, but one is not praising God when he produces the fruits of righteousness; his heart has been circumcised. The praise of men is worthless but the praise of God, because of right standing with God, is important.

### The Stewardship of Opportunity

Is there any advantage in being a Jew? Of course, the Jews had a special position with God. The position was responsibility, not privilege, as they thought. God gave them the ten commandments which said, "You are a special people so you should live a special life."

There were some of the faithful remnant who never forgot God's true message. Not all Jews are under God's condemnation. The lack of faith of the majority did not invalidate the faithfulness of God.

Paul quotes David (Psa. 51:4) in verse 4 to show David's feeling that his sin served to bring into bolder relief the justice of God. Paul wanted the Jews to understand that God must execute judgment or else there would be moral chaos. The Judaizers had charged that grace encourages people to sin. But this is senseless. Not even the people of the world approve of such an idea. They said let us do sin because it has good results. Paul said to raise such an argument was blasphemy and the judgment of damnation upon the Judaizers was just.

There is no excuse for the privileged to be guilty. The Jews stand condemned in their sin. The law must speak out to condemn those who use it as a sanctuary from responsibility. There is no excuse.

"We who are teachers will be judged with greater judgment." James 3:1

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### Nola Church Remodels Auditorium

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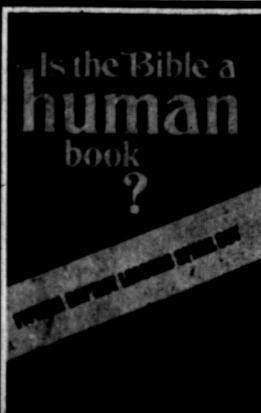
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## Devotional

## Clay-Straw-Heat-Lime-Sand-Water And The Institution Of Marriage Or "Random Thoughts While Laying Bricks"

By A. L. Nelson, Treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

For a good, long-lasting, brick wall, the following three ingredients are absolutely necessary:

(1) The bricks themselves must be made of the proper common clay, mixed with the right amount of and right kind of straw, molded and shaped to the proper form, baked under high heat to temper them and give them strength.



(2) The mortar between the bricks must be applied in the proper fashion, and in just the right amounts, and in itself, be made of the strongest combination of cement and sand and water possible.

(3) A brick wall must be built upon a firm foundation, leveled and firmly anchored to the earth.

If the bricks are defective, or the mortar is defective, or the mortar is applied in the wrong proportion, or the foundation is inadequate, the brick wall will not withstand the stress to which it may be put.

A brick wall, with a little imagination, has in it practically all of the features of a marriage:

(1) The bricks represent a much greater volume of space than the mortar. Likewise, in a marriage, just plain living, eating, sleeping, companionship, represent a much greater volume of marriage than physical attraction.

(2) Bricks stacked on top of each other without mortar have no strength whatever. So it is in a marriage. If physical attraction is not of good quality, in the proper amounts, the marriage will fall regardless of the strength of the bricks. Likewise, as mortar (physical attraction) by itself has no real strength in itself, neither does physical attraction as the main reason for marriage; as it takes both bricks and mortar in a wall, it also takes both living and physical attraction for a marriage to be strong.

(3) As a brick wall must have a solid foundation, so must marriage. As the clay is mixed with straw in high heat to get its strength and temper, a human being must go through the pressures, heat, and pain of developing a Christian faith and character to provide a firm foundation for living.

## Off The Record

### Lower Raises

Nine-year-old Stanley struck upon the idea of hiring his little brother as his servant. "I'll give you ten cents a week," he said.

"OK," little Larry agreed. Stanley then felt he'd offered too much money. "I can only pay you five cents a week, after all!" he said.

"OK," Larry said cheerfully. Thinking he could get his little brother's services for even less, Stanley said, "All I can pay is a penny a week."

"Well, OK," Larry said, "but don't raise it any lower."

### Vaulting Ambition

The father of six stood wistfully looking up at the Empire State Building.

"What's eating you?" his wife demanded.

"I wish I had money enough to buy that building."

"What could you possibly want with the Empire State Building?"

"I don't. I want the money."

### Band with the Truth

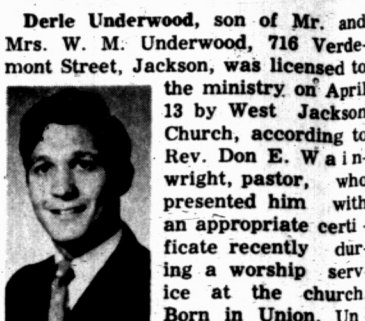
One of the duties of an administrator is to write letters of recommendation. One administrator was at a loss to know what to write concerning a certain employee, so he wrote the following:

"Gentlemen: When you come to know this employee as we know him, you will come to appreciate him as we appreciate him."

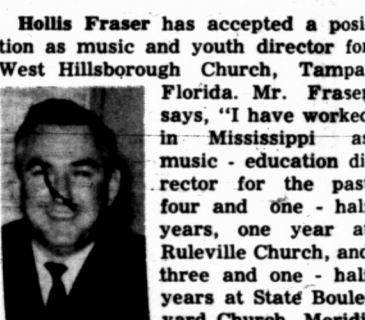
## Names In The News



Alan Thompson recently received a six-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday School. His Sunday School superintendent, W. T. Young, is shown making the presentation. Sixteen others at Spring Hill Church, Marshall County, received pins. Alan is son of the pastor, Rev. Clyde Thompson.



Derle Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Underwood, 716 Vermont Street, Jackson, was licensed to the ministry on April 13 at West Jackson Church, according to Rev. Don E. Wainwright, pastor, who presented him with an appropriate certificate recently during a worship service at the church. Born in Union, Underwood received his education in the Jackson Public Schools. He attended Lake Elementary School, Hardy Junior High School, and is a 1968 graduate of John W. Provine High School. He attended Mississippi State University for three years and is now a senior at Mississippi College. He will complete requirements for an undergraduate degree this spring. He is available to serve as supply preacher and to lead in youth revivals. His pastor recommends him very highly for these and other church-related activities.

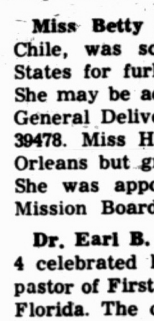


Hollis Fraser has accepted a position as music and youth director for West Hillsborough Church, Tampa, Florida. Mr. Fraser says, "I have worked in Mississippi as music education director for the past four and one-half years, one year at Ruleville Church, and three and one-half years at State Boulevard Church, Meridian. I have enjoyed every minute of it."

Rev. and Mrs. Buford Easley of New Orleans, announce the birth of Robert Anthony, on November 18, at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. Mrs. Myrtle Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Easley, Sr. of Houma, Mississippi are the grandparents. Mr. Easley is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Easley will graduate from New Orleans Seminary in May 1970. Robbie is also welcomed into this home by a six-year-old sister, Sherly. Mr. Easley is presently pastor of Isabel Church in Bogalusa, La.



Billy Ross Renick, age 19, son of Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Renick of Petal, surrendered to the gospel ministry in revival services of Petal-Harvey Church October 13, 1969, and the church that same night licensed him to preach. Mr. Renick is currently enrolled as a sophomore, at William Carey College, and preached his first sermon in supply at Petal-Harvey Sunday, November 2. Rev. O. E. Thompson, pastor, stated, "Billy is one of our very finest young people, held in high esteem by young and old alike, sweet of spirit, well-mannered, with deep spiritual convictions, and is a real joy to associate with." Renick is now available for supply, youth revivals, or pastorate.



Miss Betty Hart, missionary to Chile, was scheduled to fly to the States for furlough on December 17. She may be addressed c/o Paul Hart, General Delivery, Sandy Hook, Miss. 39478. Miss Hart was born in New Orleans but grew up in Sandy Hook. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.



Dr. Earl B. Edington on December 4 celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of First Church, St. Petersburg, Florida. The church members gave a dinner at the Princess Martha Hotel, in St. Petersburg, with seven hundred in attendance. On December 5, a general reception was held for the public in honor of the silver anniversary. Mrs. Edington is the former Mary Elizabeth Almsworth of Mississippi, graduate of Woman's College (William Carey).

Jerry W. Stevens, who for the past fourteen years has served as a lay speaker in a six-county area of north Mississippi, was licensed to preach by the Saltville Church on Sunday, December 7, according to Rev. David Poe, pastor. A graduate of Itawamba Junior College, Mr. Stevens plans to continue his education at Blue Mountain College. At the time of his surrender to the full time ministry, Mr. Stevens served as chairman of the Deacons and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Saltville church. Also, he is a Sunday school teacher, assistant Training Union director, chairman of recreation, choir member, missions action leader in the Brotherhood, and Soul Winner's Class member. Active in the Lee County Association, he is serving the third consecutive term as county Training Union director. In this association, he has served two years as Brotherhood president.



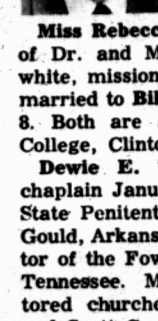
James L. Powell, Jr. has been named Assistant Director of the Southern Seminary Foundation effective Jan. 15. A graduate of Wake Forest University in 1958 and Southern Seminary in 1961, Powell is leaving the pastorate of the First Church, Mount Airy, N. C., to accept the position with the seminary.



Mrs. Faye Taylor McIlwain was recently presented a pin for 18 years perfect attendance in Sunday school. The presentation was made by the Sunday school superintendent Tommy Cook, at New Hope Church, Lauderdale County (Dr. John E. Barrow, pastor). Mrs. McIlwain, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Taylor of Route 3, Meridian, is a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi. She and her husband, David McIlwain, Jr. live in Hattiesburg. When not present at New Hope Church on Sundays, they attend the Temple Church in Hattiesburg.

### Bible Conference Leader

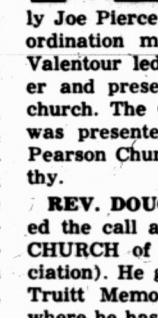
Rev. Jackie Hamilton, pastor, First Church, Quitman, will be teaching the Book of James in the Midwinter Bible Conference at East Brent Church, Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 19-23.



Miss Rebecca Applewhite, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite, missionaries to Indonesia, was married to Billy Price on November 8. Both are students at Mississippi College, Clinton.

Dewie E. Williams will become chaplain January 16, at the Arkansas State Penitentiary, Cummins Unit, at Gould, Arkansas. At present he is pastor of the Fowlkes Church, Fowlkes, Tennessee. Mr. Williams has Pastored churches in Marion, Calhoun, and Scott Counties in Mississippi. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary, and has studied fourteen months in Clinical Pastoral Education at the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. He is a Certified Professional Chaplain with the American Protestant Hospital Association. He is married to Mildred Clark of Forest.

Rev. Michael L. Aldridge was ordained to the gospel ministry by Pearson Church (Rankin) on December 7, 1969. He had recently accepted the call of Hickory Grove Church, Silas, Alabama. This young pastor, a second-year student at Clarke College, was converted in Pearson Church and was licensed by the church July 31, 1966. Former pastor, Rev. Bill Joe Pierce, returned to bring the ordination message. Deacon E. J. Valentour led in the ordination prayer and presented a Bible from the church. The Certificate of Ordination was presented by the pastor of the Pearson Church, Rev. A. L. Norsworthy.



REV. DOUG WARREN has accepted the call as pastor of the OGDEN CHURCH of Benton, (Yazoo Association). He goes to Ogden from Paul Truitt Memorial Church of Jackson where he has served as assistant pastor-music director for the past two years. He is a Junior at Mississippi College, majoring in Bible. Doug is married to the former Dianne Duck of Clinton. They assumed duties at Ogden on November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Lites, former Mississippians, and new missionary appointees to Taiwan, will attend spring orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga.

**STUDENT MISSIONARY HOBBIES:**

WICKSBURG  
ATTENDED Clark College!  
FELL IN LOVE WITH ONE OF HIS CONGREGATION! (A SUMMER MISSIONARY)

**Pastor**  
BITTER ROOT Baptist Chapel  
AND BSU DIRECTOR UNIV. of MONT. Missoula  
ATTENDS University of Montana

**ROBIN D. NICHOLS**

ROBIN "NICK" NICHOLS, pastor, Bitter Root Baptist Chapel and Director, Baptist Student Union, University of Montana, Missoula is native Mississippian; attended Clarke College, studying education-psychology; attends the University of Montana; member, Junior Civitan; listed in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges; served two summers as student summer missionary and stayed over to serve as pastor; met and fell in love with a student summer missionary this summer who served in his church (wedding bells in the distance); hobbies are tennis, golf and fishing; surrendered to be Home Missionary—"People Who Have Impressed Me," by Phil Card, Friday, November 14, 1968—Rocky Mountain Baptist.



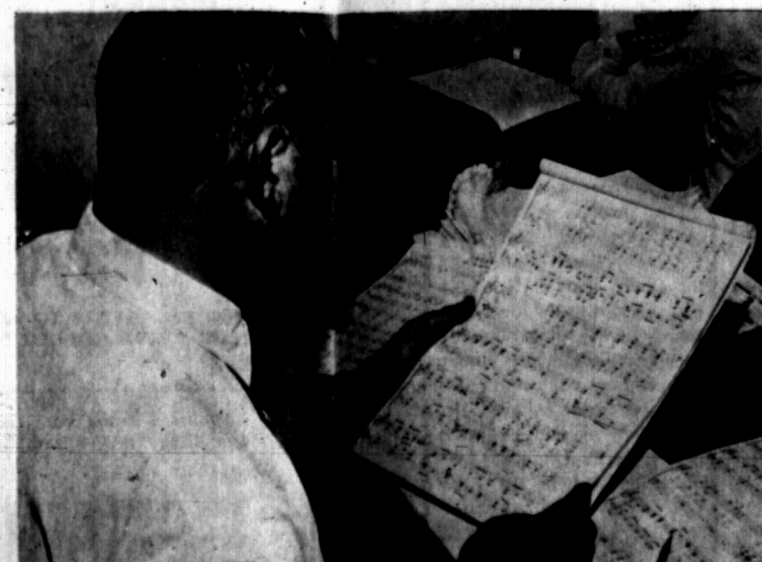
### Christian Athletes Help Needy Families

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE athletes, newly organized into a chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, concluded their first project this week having successfully collected \$120.00 for needy families in the Hattiesburg area. Three of the members presented the money to Dr. C. B. Hamlet III, pastor of Immanuel Church, for distribution. Left to right are Byram Thompson, Jim Smith, Dr. Hamlet, and Tommy Rodgers.



### Christmas Appeal On Outdoor Signs

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Woodway, Waco, Texas, borrowed an idea from the commercial world to extend its concept of Christmas greetings this year. They purchased space on six billboards during December as part of a year-round program of missionary outreach. The billboard design is shown above. "I believe this method of presenting the message of Christ... can have a profound effect on our city," said Rev. Morris Chapman, pastor. Mr. Chapman is a native of Kosciusko, Miss. and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife, the former Sarah Jo Francis of Memphis, have two children, Christopher, 5, and Stephanie, 21 months.



### Missionary Edits Chinese Hymnal

L. G. MCKINNEY JR., Southern Baptist missionary to Hong Kong, proofreads music for a Chinese-English hymnal he is compiling. Nearly 100 of the 600 hymns to be included in the volume are indigenous to China in music and words.—(Photo by Fon H. Seefeld Jr.)



### New Building Dedicated At East McComb

East McComb Church observed dedication day services for a new educational building on December 28. The two-story building, with approximately 20,000 square feet of floor space, attractively joins the spacious sanctuary (completed 1959) and completes the anticipated church building plan. It has an attendance capacity of 475. A paved parking lot adjacent to the new building, to accommodate 90 automobiles, is being completed. Total cost for the building and improvements was \$300,000. Rev. Jimmy G. McGee is pastor.



### New Junior-Senior Honors Program At Carey

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE students Ronnie Melton and Debbie Waters find time to chat on campus with Professor J. V. McCrory, chairman of the department of English. The students are part of the newly organized Junior-Senior Honors Program and Dr. McCrory is sponsor for the group. Top juniors and seniors are invited to enter the program on the basis of academic achievement thus far in their college careers.